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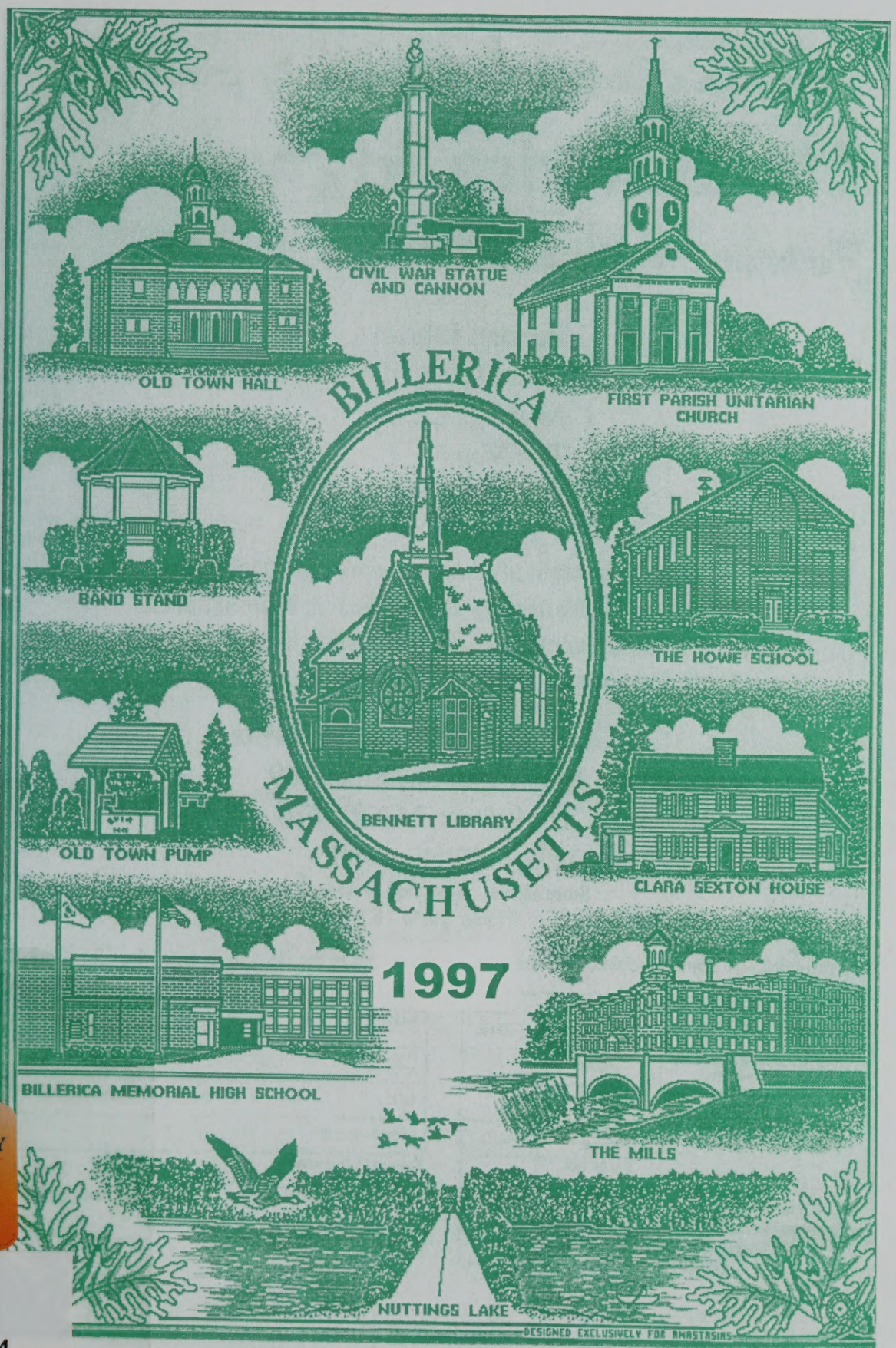

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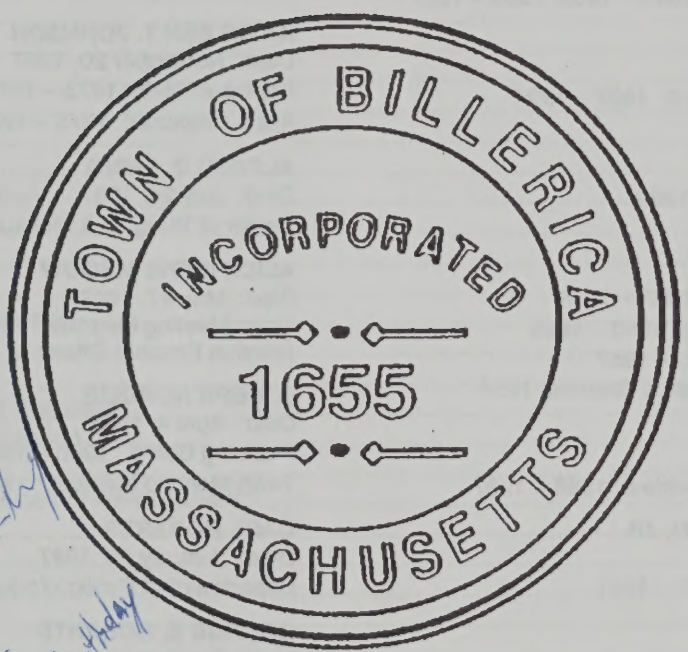

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MEMORIAMS — 1997

BERTHA M. BARO
Died: August 9, 1997
Veterans' Secretary: 1966 – 1968
School Department: Secretary

WILLIAM J. BRADLEY
Died: August 18, 1997
Billerica High School:
Military Science Teacher (1971 – 1975)
Leadership Education (1975 – 1987)
Work Study (1987 – 1996)

L. GORDON BUKER
Died: October 30, 1997
Board of Appeals: 1968 – 1979
Town Meeting Member: 1956 – 1959; 1969 – 1997

JOSEPH M. BURKE, III
Died: June 4, 1997
Billerica Police Department: 1967 – 1994

ANTHONY COLELLA
Died: July 14, 1997
Crossing Guard: 1977 – 1989

BERKLEY CUE
Died: April 8, 1997
Town Meeting Member: 1962 – 1966
Traffic Control Committee: 1963 – 1966
Finance Committee: 1955 – 1957
Committee to Study Wages & Salaries: 1954

DONALD R. DONATI
Died: May 11, 1997
Billerica Recreation Committee: 1986 – 1997

ROBERT E. DONNELLAN, JR.
Died: June 20, 1997
Finance Committee: 1960 – 1961

WALTER D. DONOVAN
Died: July 20, 1997
Billerica Fire Department: 1954 – 1979
Town Meeting Member: 1972 – 1976

ROBERT DUNSTAN
Died: September 27, 1997
Board of Appeals: 1958 – 1990
Street Acceptance Committee: 1956 – 1957
Town Meeting Member: 1956 – 1967; 1970 – 1985

OVIE GALLET
Died: March 15, 1997
Town Meeting Member: 1973 – 1984
School Custodian: 1968 – 1981

ERNEST GILES
Died: June 4, 1997
School Custodian: 1993 – 1994

ROBERT M. GILL
Died: April 7, 1997
BMHS Teacher: 1931 – 1973
Board of Appeals: 1950 – 1965
Town Meeting Member: 1957 – 1966
Fire Station Study Committee: 1954 – 1957
Jr. High School Building Committee: 1960 – 1966
Dump Study Committee: 1968

JOHN HARDY
Died: February 6, 1997
Billerica Fire Department: 1964 – 1993

HILDA (BAILEY) HUBBARD
Died: April 17, 1997
Howe High Teacher: 1929 – 1941

BEATRICE L. (DOLE) HOLBROOK
Died: December 15, 1997
Billerica School Supt. Secretary: 1930 – 1971
Recording Secretary to Board of Selectmen

ROBERT B. INNIS
Died: June 14, 1997
Town Meeting Member: 1987 – 1988

KATHLEEN T. JOHNSON
Died: November 20, 1997
Principal Clerk: 1973 – 1975
Asst. Treasurer: 1975 – 1980

ALFRED D. LAING
Died: July 24, 1997
Sealer of Weights & Measures: 1979 – 1997

ALICE IRENE MEGOW
Died: May 27, 1997
Town Meeting Member: 1956
Election Precinct Officer

JOSEPH NORDLIE
Died: April 4, 1997
Planning Board: 1980 – 1985
Town Meeting Member: 1980 – 1987

CARL ROBERTS
Died: January 20, 1997
Department of Public Works: 1977 – 1997

GEORGE E. ROBERTS
Died: October 22, 1997
Town Meeting Member: 1989 – 1995
Capital Projects Committee: 1992 – 1997

DONALD S. SANBORN
Died: February 22, 1997
Town Meeting Member: 1989 – 1991

ANDREW MARSHALL SOUSA
Died: September 7, 1997
Billerica High Custodian: 1968 – 1984

STANLEY L. TATAROUNS
Died: September 19, 1997
Crossing Guard: 1980 – 1988

RAYMOND WILLETTE
Died: June 5, 1997
Crossing Guard: 1957 – 1992

ALFRED G. ZEMGELS
Died: July 15, 1997
Council On Aging: 1976 – 1997; 1986 – 1994
Town Meeting Member: 1976 – 1985

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GENERAL INFORMATION

NEW TOWN HALL
365 Boston Road, Billerica, MA 01821

TOWN HALL HOURS: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

AREA: 25.96 Square Miles

ALTITUDE: 375 feet above sea level

INCORPORATED: May 1655

POPULATION: 37,029 (Federal Census)

COUNTY: Middlesex

DISTRICTS: Fifth Congressional, Sixth Councillor, Fourth Mliddlesex Senatorial, 24th Middlesex Representative

U.S. Sen. Richard M. Kennedy (D)
Room 240, J.F.K. Federal Building
Boston, MA 02203

U.S. Sen.John Kerry (D)
Transportation Building
Room 3220, 10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116

U.S. Rep. Martin T. Meehan (D)
320 Clark Road
Lowell, MA

Robert A. Haven
Room 513 - State House
Boston, MA 02133
State Representative

William G. Greene, Jr.
Room 166, State House
Boston, MA 02133

COUNCILLOR:
Dorothy A. Kelly Gay (D)
1 Avon Street
Somerville, MA (Sixth Councillor)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS A VOTER: ALL ELECTIONS:
Every citizen eighteen years of age and upwards, who has resided within the Town one day may claim the right to register to vote.

ALL ELECTIONS: Eighteen (18) years of age.

ABSENTEE VOTING: AT ALL ELECTIONS, including Primaries

REGISTRATION: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Office of the Board of Registrars. Special sessions of Registrars held preceding elections.

ANNUAL ELECTION: First Saturday in April

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION MEETING:
First Tuesday in May (Spring)
First Tuesday in October (Fall)

PLANNING BOARD: Meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

BOARD OF HEALTH: Meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

BOARD OF APPEAL: Meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD OF HEALTH: Householders shall report to the Board of Health all cases of communicable disease unless a physician is in attendance. Subsurface sanitary disposal systems installation and repair must be inspected by the Health Department.

DOG LICENSES: All dog licenses expire December 31. A dog should be licensed when three (3) months old.
FEES: Male/Female $10.00
Neutered Male/Spayed Female $6.00.
Spaying or Neutering Certificates must be shown for first license and a valid rabies certificate must be shown every year before license can be issued, unless you have left the rabies certificate on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

PENALTY FEE: Any dog three (3) months of age or older not licensed by MARCH 10 will have a $10.00 late fine added to the license fee per Town By-laws, Article VI, Section 21, Subsection 11.

TAX RATE: For Fiscal Year 1997
$15.38 per $1,000.00 residential
$34.82 per $1,000.00 commercial
$34.82 per $1,000.00 industrial

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS – 1997

PRECINCT 1

Term Expires 2000

Roger Biagiotti, Jr.
Gordon C. Brainerd
Bernard T. Duggan
Joseph E. Silva

Term Expires 1999

Ronald A. Balboni
Anthony Barbere
John A. MacMillan
Sandra A. MacMillan
George A. Merrill, Jr.
Barbara G. Norman
Michael T. Revane
Joseph A. Smith, Sr.; resigned 10/97

Term Expires 1998

Laura L. Champa
Clifford A. Critch; removed by caucus
David A. Gagliardi
Helen G. Gentile
Paul S. Gozzo; resigned 5/97
Larry Libby
Sandra Porter Libby
John F. Carlson; elected by caucus
Rita I. McCarron; elected by caucus
Robert P. Hastings; elected by caucus
John S. King; elected by caucus

PRECINCT 2

Term Expires 2000

Edward A. Bunker
Thomas J. Ferraro
Jeanne Legallo
Carol D. Wood

Term Expires 1999

Eric W. Anderson
Thomas H. Conway, Jr.
Elizabeth F. McCarthy
Edward V. Morris, Jr.
John W. Morris
Bradford O'Neill
Helen L. Potter
Marion E. Potter
Alan Ramos

Term Expires 1998

Warren J. Ames
Gerard J. Boucher
Linda A. DeProfio
Philip Loranger
Joan C. McDonald
Michael J. Miller
Michael Morris
Milton Saunders
John Ciancio, Jr.; elected by caucus
Martin E. Conway; elected by caucus

PRECINCT 3

Term Expires 2000

Lillian Joy Arsenault
Claire Babcock
John F. Gray, Jr.
Norman H. Hall
Gilbert A. Moreira
Susan D. Moreira
Jay H. Thomas, III

Term Expires 1999

Nancy Cotreau
Marie C. Loughlin
Debra L. Murphy
Lawrence R. Norman
Elizabeth A. Politis
Robin E. Price
John Ripa
Maryellen Yianacopolus

Term Expires 1998

Lawrence F. Beauchamp
Eileen M. Giddings
William F. Loughlin
Kathryn M. Matos
Helen B. Smith
Robert F. Smith
Barbara J. Solomon
Robert E. Roy; elected by caucus
Vicky Roy; elected by caucus
Ralph Morrison; elected by caucus

PRECINCT 4

Term Expires 2000

David W. Doyle
Stephen R. Dresser
Robert D. Killeen
Lorraine Lally
Joseph F. LeBlanc
Robert C. Norman
William L. Rundgren
Scott W. Winchell

Term Expires 1999

Stephen Campbell; resigned 10/97
Romolo Capobianco
Judith A. Ciampa
David Dumais
Gilbert W. Griggs
Natale J. Kammides
Brian Luttrell
Richard B. White

Term Expires 1998

JoAnne M. Giovino
Steven A. Jenkins
John F. Kelley
Bessie G. Killeen
Donald H. Lovegrove
George E. Noel; resigned 6/97
William R. Sievert
Anthony P. Tufts
Tom McCaffrey; elected by caucus

PRECINCT 5

Term Expires 2000

Diana D.J. Dagavarian
Donald L. Fay
John T. Keough
Brenda J. O'Donnell
Lisa E. Sanford
Madeline T. Sargent
Michael A. Tammaro

Term Expires 1999

Marie P. Blanchette
Kenneth L. Buffum
John E. Farmer
Charles E. Johnson
John F. Mixon, Jr.
Thomas F. Mixon
Jeffrey J. Mazzone
Mary A. Pasho

Term Expires 1998

Stephen S. Battcock; moved from precinct
John D. McKenna
James F. O'Donnell, Jr.
Michael Ouellette
Lillie M. Ralston
James W. Sargent, Jr.
Arnold M. Ventresca; removed from caucus
Stewart Wood
Brion M. Cangiamila

PRECINCT 6

Term Expires 2000

Donna A. Amato
Dorothy M. Callihan
Cosmo D. Cavicchio, Jr.
Thomas H. Conway, III
Phyllis A. MacDonald
Sally S. Markarian
Edward R. McLaughlin

Term Expires 1999

William J. Cameron
Donald F. MacDonald
Karen A. Miller
Robert E. Murphy
David Saviano
Rosemary E. Saviano
Doris E. Schultz
Richard D. Tracey, Jr.

Term Expires 1998

Robert B. Accomando
Pierre J. Allain
Richard L. Annese
Walter W. Arakelian
Cynthia K. McDowell
Malcolm P. McDowell
Nancy J. Peverill
Margaret M. Newhall; elected by caucus

PRECINCT 7

Term Expires 2000

Vincent A. Amato, Jr.
John J. Barry, Jr.
Diane J. DePaso
Barbara A. Flynn
William O. Kelley, Jr.
Gloria M. McKenna
Ralph J. McKenna
Paul L. Overy
Joseph Sharrock

Term Expires 1999

John E. Bartlett
Robert M. Correnti
David F. Delorey, Jr.
Christopher DeSimone
Donald J. Flynn, Chair
Elizabeth A. Gallagher
David R. Laskey
Ralph T. McDonald

Term Expires 1998

Leonard Caporale
Peter M. Coppinger
Rachel F. Mallett
John J. McKenna
Kenneth J. Ploski
Leon Seymour; resigned 9/97
Eleanor A. Sievert
Thomas W. Woodford
William R. Lee

PRECINCT 8

Term Expires 2000

Ruthanne Allen Bossi
Elizabeth A. Davis
Bernard F. Hoar
Anthony R. Iovanna
Barbara Morrissey
Daniel C. Rosa, Jr.

Term Expires 1999

John Coyne
Francis Fraz Fraine
Helen R. Knight
John L. Noonan
Heidi V. Rowell
Joseph P. Shaw
Olga S. Symes
Lawrence E. Walsh

Term Expires 1998

Kevin M. Davis
Jacqueline G. Gurney
Michael P. Hoar
Estella C. Hoff
Susan M. Hunt
Ellen Day Rawlings
Richard H. Young, II/ resigned 10/97
Oren D. Hunt, Jr.
Peter Rawlings; elected by caucus
Charles McCarthy; elected by caucus

PRECINCT 9

Term Expires 2000

Patricia C. Flemming
John A. Griffin
Leslie A. Hannon
Elaine T. Horlink
Sidney Horlink
William Paskiewicz, Jr.
Michael Rosa
Nicholas J. Rosa

Term Expires 1999

Kevin J. Collins
James Patrick Lally
Rino Moriconi
Ralph N. Newman
Dorothy L. Pearson
Charles L. Taylor, Jr.
J. Michael Tucci

Term Expires 1998

Howard Allgaier, Jr.
Walter J. Bradbury
Dominic DiMartino
Richard G. January
Diane L. Milano
Cora H. Taylor
Donald E. Wilson
Walter F. Chase, III
Marc F. Lally

PRECINCT 10

Term Expires 2000

Joseph L. Devlin
Arthur L. Doyle
Evelyn M. Haines
Jerry A. Houghton
Edward J. Hurd
Barbara Hamilton Kearns
Jane M. Kennedy
Doris M. Pearson
Mary L. O'Rourke

Term Expires 1999

Christopher L. Blake
William J. Collins
William A. Cooke
Salvatore A. Dampolo
James T. Dangora, Jr.
Mary S. Grose
Alfred R. Pearson, Jr.
Nancy L. Smith

Term Expires 1998

Andrew J. Bowen
Kerry Cooke; removed by caucus
Michelle Cook
Raymond Cooke
Mary F. Leone
Donald R. MacPhail
Stephen M. West
Roger A. Nowicki
Joan McNamara

PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS & CLERKS
1997 – 1998

PRECINCT 1

Chairman: Anthony Barberi
7 Olde Hillside Avenue 01821

Clerk: Michael T. Revane
113A Bridle Road

PRECINCT 2

Chairman: Carol D. Wood
29 Call Street, 01862

Clerk: Milton Saunders
33 Talbot Ave. Apt. G-1, 01862

PRECINCT 3

Chairman: John F. Gray, Jr.
65 Ellingwood Avenue, 01821

Clerk: Barbara J. Solomon
20 McGinness Way

PRECINCT 4

Chairman: Joanne M. Giovino
10 Eastview Avenue, 01821

Clerk: Scott W. Winchell
23 Andover Road

PRECINCT 5

Chairman: Michael A. Tammaro
15 Champa Road

Clerk: Kenneth L. Buffum
86 Baldwin Road, 01821

PRECINCT 6

Chairman: Cosmo D. Cavicchio
47 Dyer Street, 01862

Clerk: Malcolm P. McDowell
56 Riveredge Road, 01862

PRECINCT 7

Chairman: Donald J. Flynn
403 Middlesex Turnpike, 01821

Clerk: Barbara A. Flynn
403 Middlesex Turnpike, 01821

PRECINCT 8

Chairman: Barbara Morrissey
10 Sumac Street, 01821

Clerk: Ruthanne Allen Bossi
12 Bayberry Lane, P.O. Box 242

PRECINCT 9

Chairman: Elaine T. Horlink
1 Lorraine Terrace, 01821

Clerk: Leslie Hannon
851 Boston Road, 01821

PRECINCT 10

Chairman: Doris M. Pearson
25 Harjean Road, 01821

Clerk: Barbara Hamilton Kearns
16 Kimbrough Road, 01821

COMMITTEE ON RULES
1997 – 1998

Precinct	Name & Address	T.M.M. Term Expires	Committee's Term Expires
1	David Gagliardi 2 Whiting Street	1998	2000
2	Edward Bunker 5 Amherst Street	2000	1998

Precinct	Name & Address	T.M.M. Term Expires	Committee's Term Expires
3	Lawrence R. Norman 18 Shelburne Avenue	1999	1999
4	Robert D. Killeen 7 Locke Road	2000	2000
5	John D. McKenna 17 Mohawk Drive	1998	1998
6	Dorothy M. Callihan 14 Rexhame Street	2000	1999
7	John J. McKenna 59 Marshall Street	1998	2000
8	Ruthanne Allen Bossi 12 Bayberry Lane	2000	1998
9	Rino Moriconi 48 Elizabeth Road	1999	1999
10	Roger A. Nowicki 7 Fillmore Drive	1998	2000

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS
1997 – 1998

		Term Expires
SELECTMEN:	Ellen Day Rawlings	April 1998
	James F. O'Donnell, Jr., Chairman	April 2000
	Arthur L. Doyle, Secretary	April 1998
	Brion M. Cangiamila	April 1999
	Edward J. Hurd, Vice-Chairman	April 1999
MODERATOR:	Maureen M. Sullivan	April 2000
TOWN CLERK:	Shirley E. Schult	April 1999
HOUSING AUTHORITY:	Elizabeth F. McCarthy, Chairman	April 2002
	Stewart Wood	April 2001
	Walter F. Coakley, Vice-Chairman	April 2000
	William Flaherty	April 1999
	Dorothy L. Pearson (Gov. Appt.)	August 26, 2001
	Carol A. Ford, Executive Director	
PLANNING BOARD:	Marie P. Blanchette	April 1998
	Donna L. Doucette, Vice Chairman	April 1998
	Lawrence P. Bavis, Jr., Chairman	April 1998
	Brian DeVellis	April 2000
	Robert C. Norman	April 2000
	John L. Noonan	April 1999
	Christopher L. Blake	April 1999
	Town Planner Peter Kennedy	

		Term Expires
SCHOOL COMMITTEE:	Thomas F. Galligani, Secretary	April 1999
	Maureen E. Collins-Rea, Vice Chairman	April 1998
	Lawrence J. Grey	April 1998
	Robert W. Keough, Chairman	April 2000
	Cosmo D. Cavicchio	April 1999
	Dr. Robert J. Calabrese, Superintendent of Schools Jerry Houghton, Superintendent of Business Affairs	
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMBERS:	Kenneth L. Buffum	April 2000
	Bernard F. Hoar	April 1999

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS – 1997

		Term Expires
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:	Robert A. Mercier	
ASST. TOWN ADMIN.:	Evelyn M. Haines	
TOWN ACCOUNTANT:	Cheryl A. Robertson	
TOWN COUNSEL:	Leonard Kopelman, Esq.	June 30, 1998
ASST. TOWN CLERK:	Margaret Ryan	April 1999
TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR:	David A. Genereaux	June 30, 1998
ASST. TREASURER:	Kelly Meehan	June 30, 1998
ASST. TAX COLLECTOR:	Shirley E. Bedrick	June 30, 1998
PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR:	Richard J. Scanlon	June 30, 1999
ASSOC. ASSESSORS:	Carol A. Gibson	June 30, 1999
	Bruce E. Richardson	June 30, 1998
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH:	John W. Morris	
HEALTH INSPECTORS:	William McDowell Richard Berube Elizabeth Davis – Tobacco Control	
BOARD OF HEALTH:	Arnold M. Ventresca, Chairperson	June 30, 1998
	Bernard F. Hoar, Vice-Chairperson	June 30, 1997
	Wallace E. Mallett	June 30, 1999
	Marie O'Rourke	June 30, 1998
	Robert G. Reader	June 30, 1997
VETERAN'S AGENT:	Kenneth L. Buffum	

		Term Expires
CEMETERY COMMISSION:	Robert G. Reader	June 30, 2000
	David McLaughlin	June 30, 1998
	Ralph T. McDonald	June 30, 1999
CONSTABLES:	Albert R. Melaragni	June 30, 2000
	David R. Laskey	June 20, 2000
FENCE VIEWER:	Malcolm P. McDowell	June 30, 1999
DOG OFFICER & ANIMAL INSPECTOR:	Harry E. Peary, Sr.	
STATE MIDDLESEX CANAL COMMISSION:	Marion E. Potter, Commissioner	June 30, 1999
	Carl G. Seaburg, Alternate	March 1, 1999
	John Reardon, Alternate	June 30, 1999
	Helen R. Knight, Alternate	June 30, 1999
	Alex Ingraham, Alternate	June 30, 2000
CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR:	William J. Laurendeau	
SUPERINTENDENT OF SEWER:	Arthur Malcuit	
LOWELL REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY:	Ellen Rawlings	
	Arthur L. Doyle, Alternate	
STATE FUNDED BIKEWAYS PROGRAM:	Board of Selectmen	
NMCOG REPRESENTATIVE:	Arthur L. Doyle, Selectman	June 30, 1997
	Donna Doucette, Planning Board	June 30, 1998
	Diane Bone	June 30, 2000
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES:	Alfred D. Laing; deceased 8/97	
BOARD OF REGISTRARS:	John G. Conway, Chairperson	March 31, 2000
	Donald H. Lovegrove	March 31, 1998
	Patrick Trainor	March 31, 1999
POLICE CHIEF:	Paul W. Matthews	
SAFETY OFFICER::	Michael Tammaro	
FIRE CHIEF:	Anthony E. Capaldo, Jr.	
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF:	Glenn R. Sennett	
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS:	Ruthanne A. Bossi	
PLUMBING INSPECTOR:	William T. Callahan	
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR:	Anthony Iovanna	
LOCAL INSPECTOR:	David Lenzie	
	Christopher A. Clemente	

		Term Expires
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:	Richard A. Bento	June 30, 1999
TOWN ENGINEER:	John Sanchez	
SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS:	David McLaughlin	
FAIR HOUSING DIRECTOR:	Evelyn M. Haines	
PROCUREMENT OFFICER:	Robert A. Mercier	
LOCAL WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL:	Peter Kennedy, Town Planner	
KEEPER OF THE LOCKUP:	Paul W. Matthews	June 30, 1998
COMMUNITY TEAMWORK REPRESENTATIVE:	Thomas H. Conway, Jr.	
TRI-TOWN COMMITTEE:	Dianne Bonnell, Planning Bd. Rep. Edward J. Hurd, Selectman Rep.	June 30, 1997 June 30, 1996
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER:	Paul R. Kendall	
SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER:	John McGovern	
TREATMENT PLAN T CHEMIST:	John Sullivan	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE	Albert Donahue, Sr. Thomas Revane	

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ARTS COUNCIL

Terms of Office		Term Expires
2	Elizabeth Caporale	June 30, 1997
1	Martha A. Emery	June 30, 1997
3	Anne-Marie Norman	June 30, 1999
2	Colleen L. Sgroi	June 30, 1999
3	Karen Farmer	June 30, 1998
2	Helen Potter	June 30, 1998
1	Robert Hurley	June 30, 1998
1	Patricia Roy	June 30, 1999
1	Lillian Colby	June 30, 1999
1	William D. Marshall	June 30, 1999

BILLERICA RESIDENTS' EMPLOYMENT MONITORING COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Richard A. Bento DPW Appointee	June 30, 1997
Robert C. Norman Planning Board Appointee	June 30, 1996
Mary V. Wiroll Selectmen's Appointee	June 30, 1998
Joan Parcewski Administrator's Appointee	June 30, 1999
Athina Simolaris Moderator's Appointee	June 30, 1998

BOARD OF APPEAL

	Term Expires
John F. Gray, Jr., V. Chairman	June 30, 1998
Ellen Sargent, Secretary	June 30, 1999
Doris M. Pearson, Chairman	June 30, 1999
Francis M. Fraine	June 30, 2000
Joseph P. Shaw	June 30, 2000

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

Jay H. Thomas, III	June 30, 1999
Patricia C. Flemming	June 30, 2000

CIVIC & CONVENTION CENTER COMMISSION

	Term Expires
Christopher DeSimone, Chrm.	June 30, 1998
Donald MacDonald	June 30, 1999
Kevin J. Collins	June 30, 1999
Chester Sewell	June 30, 1999
William Sievert	June 30, 1999

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Lawrence R. Norman, Chairman
Malcolm P. McDowell
David McLaughlin
James Haines
Gilbert Moreira
Shirley E. Schult, Town Clerk
Doris M. Pearson
James T. Dangora, Jr.
Dorothy M. Callihan
Richard Young
Robert Accomondo

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

	Term Expires
Joanne M. Giovino	June 30, 2000
Norman J. Beloin, Jr.	June 30, 1999
James D. Miller	June 30, 2000
Jonathan Lyna	June 30, 2000
Judith Amelotte	June 30, 1998
Diane J. DePaso, Chairman	June 30, 1998
Ellen M. Joy	June 30, 1999

Environmental Investigator: Martin W. Houlne

CONSTABLES

	Term Expires
Kenneth E. Arsenault	June 30, 2000
Yvonne M. Rawson Bozek	June 30, 2000
Anthony J. Bossi, Jr.	June 30, 2000
Bernard A. Brouillette	June 30, 1998
Sean M. Browne	June 30, 1997
Richard M. Carter	June 30, 1999

CONSTABLES

	Term Expires
Joseph Curran	June 30, 1999
Ronald F. Ford	June 30, 2000
Sidney Horlink	June 30, 1999
William F. Hobbs	June 30, 1997
Stephen P. LaRoche	June 30, 1998
Cheryle A. Laffey	June 30, 2000
Michael L. Madigan	June 30, 1998
Walter J. McAvoy, Sr.	June 30, 1998
Ellen R. McLaughlin	June 30, 1998
Diane M. McKenney	June 30, 1998
Harold F. Morang	June 30, 2000
Roy J. Murphy	June 30, 1998
David H. Muscovitz	June 30, 1998
Richard Payne	June 30, 1998
Guido Reitano	June 30, 1999
Timothy W. Robbins	June 30, 1999
Anthony J. Saia	June 30, 1998
Richard R. Scienzo	June 30, 1998
Donald L. Stout	June 30, 2000
Henry E. Sullivan	June 30, 2000
Robert J. Walsh	June 30, 1997
William Titelbaum	June 30, 1999
Ronald Canty	June 30, 1999
Ronald French	June 30, 1999
Thomas L. Giovannanni	June 30, 1999

COUNCIL FOR AGING

	Term Expires
Billy E. Aldridge	June 30, 1999
Louis E. Boudreau	June 30, 2000
Shirley Gullage	June 30, 1998
Dorothy A. Cox, Chairman	June 30, 1998
Dorothy A. Millette	June 30, 2000
Shirley Terrill-Holdman	June 30, 1999
Virginia Wrobel	June 30, 2000

Alternates:

Betty Anderson	June 30, 1999
Robert Hurley	June 30, 1999

Gertrude Morin
Virginia O'Mahoney
Richard D. Swift
Virginia Musker
Donald Wilson
Catherine A. Fleurant

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members:

Golden Agers; Senior Citizens of Billerica; Greenwood Senior Citizens Club; Carriage Club; Board of Health; Housing Authority Chairman; Veterans Services Agent, Kenneth Buffum

Co-Coordinator for Council for Aging:
Chester D. Sewell

D.A.R.E. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Maureen Dunton, Chairman	June 30, 1999
Jay Staude	June 30, 1999
Larry Libby	June 30, 1999
Donna L. Doucette	June 30, 1999
Marie P. Blanchette, V.-Chm	June 30, 1999
Diane Balestrieri	June 30, 1999

School Superintendent Appointees

Andrea Ostar	June 30, 1999
Sandra Doherty	June 30, 1999
Leslie Hannon, Secretary	June 30, 1999
Diane Harris	June 30, 1999
Marion DePierro	June 30, 1999

ALTERNATES:

Linda Cirurso	June 30, 1999
D.A.R.E. Officer: John Mullin	
Juvenile Officer: Daniel Rosa	
Cathy Coneeny, Asst.	

DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

	Term Expires
Arthur V. Tonini, Chairman	June 30, 1998

DITSON SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Ruthanne A. Bossi, Building Insp. Vice-Chrm	
Brion M. Cangiamila, Selectmen's Appointee	
Thomas Galligan, School Committee Appointee	
Donald Fay, Finance Committee Appointee, Chairman	
Lawrence P. Bavis, Planning Board Appointee	
Richard G. January Moderator's Appointee	June 30,2000
Marc E. Lally Moderator's Appointee	June 30, 1998
Robin E. Price Moderator's Appointee	June 30, 1999
Jane Kennedy Moderator's Appointee	June 30, 2000

FINANCE COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Alfred Pearson, Jr., Chairman	June 30, 1998
Anthony Barbere	June 30, 2000
Peter Greeley, Vice-Chairman	June 30, 2000
Ralph McKenna	June 30, 2000
Joseph E. LeBlanc	June 30, 2000
Roger Biagiotti, Jr.	June 30, 1999
John Griffin	June 30, 1999

FINANCE COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Christopher DeSimone	June 30, 1999
Donald L. Fay	June 30, 1999
Natale J. Kammides	June 30, 1998

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

Kathryn Matos, Secretary	June 30, 1998
Rino Moriconi	June 30, 1999

Ex-Officio Member: Cheryl A. Robertson, Town Accountant

FIRE DEPT MANAGEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
David F. Delorey	
Donald J. Flynn	
Thomas Ferraro	
Rino Moriconi	
Thomas H. Conway, III	

GRIGGS FARM/TOWN LAND USE COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
James F. O'Donnell, Selectmen's Appointee	June 30, 1998
Crystal Card, Moderators' Appointee	June 30, 1998
Peter Greeley Finance Comm. Appointee	June 30, 1998
Christine Chisholm, Conservation Comm. App.	June 30, 1998
Mary A. Pasho, Moderator's Appointee	June 30, 1998

HANDICAPPED COMMISSION

	Term Expires
Robert W. Keough, Chairman	June 30, 1998
Lauri L. Galligani	June 30, 1998
Helen G. Gentile	June 30, 1999
Mary V. Wiroll	June 30, 1999
Valerie McEachern	June 30, 2000
Ruthanne Bossi	June 30, 1999
Wendy Keegan	June 30, 2000

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

	Term Expires
Margaret B. Ingraham, Co-Chm	June 30, 1998
Carol P. Bruyere, Secretary	June 30, 1998
Elizabeth M. Cleary	June 30, 1998
Peter R. Woodbury, Co-Chm	June 30, 2000
Helen Knight	June 30, 1999
Virginia Maguire	June 30, 1999
Alec Ingraham	June 30, 2000

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

	Term Expires
Susan P. Miller	June 30, 1999
Richard Young	June 30, 1999
Debra Fox	June 30, 1998
Debra Wolf	June 30, 2000
Carl Herrrmann	June 30, 2000
James F. Heiberg	June 30, 1999
Terence M. O'Neil	June 30, 1998

ALTERNATES:

Anne Marie Dube	June 30, 1999
Stephen K. Wetzel	June 30, 2000

Ex-Officio Member: Peter Kennedy
Town Planner,

HOUSING AUTHORITY

	Term Expires
Elizabeth F. McCarthy, Chm	April 2002
Steward Wood	April 2001
Walter F. Coakley, Vice Chm	April 2000
William Flaherty	April 1999
Dorothy L. Pearson	Aug. 26, 2001

Executive Director: Carol A. Ford

MAPPING COMMISSION

	Term Expires
John Noonan	June 30, 2000
Dianne Bonnell	June 30, 1997
Leslie Hannon	June 30, 1998
Thomas F. Galligani, Jr.	June 30, 1998
Jason T. Haroutunian	June 30, 1999

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

	Term Expires
Bernard F. Hoar, Chairman	June 30, 2000
Allan Arakelian	June 30, 1996
Robert Lord	June 30, 1996
Donald F. MacDonald	June 30, 1998
James T. Dangora, Jr.	June 30, 1998

MUSEUM COMMISSION

	Term Expires
Helen Potter	June 30, 1997
Helen Knight	June 30, 1997
Gordon C. Brainerd	June 30, 2000
Dorothea MacNeill	June 30, 1997
Nancy Emus	June 30, 1997
Edward J. Hurd	June 30, 1997
Kevin Collins	June 30, 1999

OMBUDSMAN COMMISSION

	Term Expires
Richard Burtt	June 30, 1997
Gordon C. Brainerd	June 30, 1997
Carol Wood	June 30, 1997
Richard Blaney	June 30, 1997
Robert Hurley	June 30, 1998
Virginia Musker	June 30, 1998
Michael W. Lyna	June 30, 1998

PERSONNEL BOARD

	Term Expires
Anthony P. Tufts	June 30, 2000
Charles L. Taylor	June 30, 1999
William Collins	June 30, 1999
Pierre Allain	June 30, 1999
Ralph T. McDonald	June 30, 1999

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

	Term Expires
Mary K. McBride	June 30, 2000
William Flaherty	June 30, 2000
Devora Abramowitz	June 30, 2000
Robert M. Correnti	June 30, 2000
Robert E. Alger	June 30, 1999
Thomas Vaughn	June 30, 1999
John Coyne, Chairman	June 30, 1998
Marion R. Murray	June 30, 1998
William E. Foley	June 30, 1998

David A. Genereaux, Treasurer
Barbara Flaherty, Librarian

RECREATION COMMISSION

	Term Expires
Sal Cognato	June 30, 2000
John T. Colbert	June 30, 1999
John E. Bartlett	June 30, 1999
Donald R. Donati, Chairman, Deceased 5/97	June 30, 1999
Richard Boutwell	June 30, 1998
Daniel W. Barnhart	June 30, 1998
James Spinale	June 30, 2000
Paul F. Shibles	June 30, 1998
Addie Finley	June 30, 1998
Marjorie A. Dunton	June 30, 1999
Daniel Goodwin	June 30, 2000

Joseph Higgins, Jr., Recreation Supervisor

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Christine M. Kunz; resign 7/97	June 30, 1999
Dorothy M. Murray	June 30, 2000

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Maureen M. Sullivan	June 30, 2000
Julie Greene	June 30, 2000
Judith Ciampa	June 30, 2000
Elaine T. Horlink	June 30, 1999
Paula DeSimone	June 30, 1998
Grace P. Morse	June 30, 1998
Ellen Day Rawlings	June 30, 1999
Eleanor H. Hoar	June 30, 1999
Marcia Zichittella	June 30, 1998
Norma M. Cavicchio	June 30, 1998

SEWER EXTENSION COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
John F. Gray, Jr.	June 30, 1998
Edward A. Bunker	June 30, 2000
Edward F. Ricarte	June 30, 2000
Paul A. Odierno	June 30, 1999
Roger A. Nowicki	June 30, 1999

STREET ACCEPTANCE AND DISCONTINUANCE COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Arthur L. Doyle	June 30, 1997
John L. Noonan	June 30, 1997
Donald Fay	June 30, 1997
John Sanchez	June 30, 1996
Peter Kennedy, Town Planner	

TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Priscilla Sarsfield	June 30, 2000
Dianne Bone	June 30, 2000
Ruthanne Bossi	June 30, 2000
Elaine Kunicki	June 30, 2000
Neville Rivet	June 30, 2000
Nancy Emus	June 30, 2000

Ex-Officio: Robert Mercier, Town Mgr.
Evelyn Haines, Asst. Mgr.

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Virginia Musker	June 30, 2000

TOWN MEETING WARRANT ACTION COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Bernard F. Hoar, Chairman	June 30, 1998
Nancy L. Smith	June 30, 2000
Susan Moreira	June 30, 1999
Joseph LeBlanc	June 30, 1998
Evelyn M. Haines	June 30, 1997

TOWN REPORT STUDY COMMITTEE

Madeline T. Sargent, Finance Committee
Shirley E. Schult, Town Clerk
Donald E. Wilson, member at large
Ralph Morrison, member at large

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS – 1997

Mark Bailey
Scott Barnes
Patrick Coffey
Glenn DiSarcina
Theodore Doyle
James Fielding
Roy Frost
Anthony Fontanna
George Gullage
Dieter Hubert
Donald MacPhail
David McKenna
Charles Ouellette
John Petone
Mark Tsoukalas

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S LIST

James F. O'Donnell
Arthur L. Doyle
Ellen Day Rawlings
Francis M. Fraine
Doris Pearson
Joseph Shaw
Richard Berube
Wallace Mallett
William McDowell
Robert Reader
Ruthanne A. Bossi
Christopher Clemente
David A. Lenzie
Robert F. LaBonte
Harry E. Peary, Sr.
Lawrence Thorlton
Judith Amelotte
Joanne Giovino
Ellen Joy
James T. Miller
Ralph McDonald
Richard Scanlon
Roger Biagiotti, Jr.
Donald L. Fay
John Griffin
Joseph E. LeBlanc
Ralph J. McKenna
Rino Moriconi
Robert J. Calabrese
John McKenna
Robert Fitzgerald
Cathy Marshall
John Waters
Richard Bento
Henry Lausier
Lawrence Norman
Harry E. Chronister
Thomas H. Conway, Jr.
Richard B. Ford
John Gherson
Erica C. Hann
Edward J. Hurd
Brion M. Cangiamila
Patricia Flemming
John Gray, Jr.
Ellen Sargent
Jay H. Thomas, III
Bernard Hoar
John Morris
Marie O'Rourke
Arnold Ventresca
William Callahan
Anthony Iovanna
William Laurendeau
Kenneth L. Buffum
Diane Allen-Murphy
Charles O. Faria
Diane J. DePaso
Martin Houlne
Jonathan Lyna
Carol Gibson
Bruce Richardson
Anthony Barbere
Christopher F. DeSimone
Peter Greeley
Natale J. Kammides
Kathryn Matos
Diane Milano
Alfred R. Pearson, Jr.
Jerry Houghton
Michael Esposito
Henry Hamelin
Theresa Rolinson
Robin Whitcomb
Diana Cangiamila
Gordon C. Brainerd
Leonard Champa
John G. Conway
Charles Faria
David A. Gardner
Rep. William B. Greene, Jr.
Evelyn M. Haines, Asst. Town Manager

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S LIST

John Lafferty
Stephen J. Lentine
Bernard McDewell
Linda Meyer
Warren R. Nelson
Stanley LeDoux
Allison Lunt
Robert A. Mercier, Town Manager
Charles L. Nelligan

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S LIST

Mary A. Paso
Philip H. Sheridan
Samuel J. Trodella
Rev. John W. Gentleman
Sidney Horlink
Ralph N. Newman
Donald J. Ryan
Robert Sousa
Phillip Quinlan
Barbara Morrissey

WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BILLERICA, MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss

To Any Constable in the Town of Billerica:

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Billerica, qualified by law, to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Parker School, Billerica Center; Solomon Gunther Hajjar School, North Billerica; Ditson School, Pinehurst; Eugene C. Vining School, Nutting Lake; and the John F. Kennedy School, East Billerica at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, April 5, 1997, to bring in their votes on one ballot for the following Town Officers:

One member of the Board of Selectmen, One Moderator, Two members of the Planning Board, One member of the School Committee, One member of the Regional Vocational School District Committee, all for three years; One member of the Billerica Housing Authority for five years; One member of the Billerica Housing Authority for an unexpired four-year term;

Also for the election of Eight (8) Town Meeting Members for Precinct One; Seven (7) Town Meeting Members for Precinct Two; Nine (9) Town Meeting Members for Precinct Three; Eight (8) Town Meeting Members for Precinct Four; Seven (7) Town Meeting Members for Precinct Five; Eight (8) Town Meeting Members for Precinct Six; Nine (9) Town Meeting Members for Precinct Seven; Seven (7) Town Meeting Members for Precinct Eight; Eight (8) Town Meeting Members for Precinct Nine; Nine (9) Town Meeting Members for Precinct Ten, all for three years.

Two (2) Town Meeting Members for an unexpired term of one year for Precinct One; One (1) Town Meeting Member for an unexpired term of two years for Precinct Two; One (1) Town Meeting Member for an unexpired term of one year for Precinct Three; One (1) Town Meeting Member for an unexpired term of two years and One (1) Town Meeting Member for an unexpired term of one year for Precinct Four; One (1) Town Meeting Member for an unexpired term of two years for Precinct Six; One (1) Town Meeting Member for an unexpired term of one year for Precinct Seven; One (1) Town Meeting Member for an unexpired term of two years; and One (1) Town Meeting Member for an unexpired one year term for Precinct Nine.

Also to vote the following question:

QUESTION #1: Shall this Town approve the charter amendment proposed by the Town Meeting summarized below?

Summary

A Town Charter Review Committee was appointed by the moderator as authorized under the present town charter to review the charter. This committee presented its recommendations to and received the necessary approval of the October 10, 1996, Town Meeting. The final report of the Town Charter Review Committee, which contains the text and explanation of the proposed amendment, was distributed to all Billerica households in March 1997. A copy is available for your review.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof, one copy at the East Billerica Fire Station; one copy at the Ninety-Nine Restaurant, Lexington Road; one copy at the Pizza Hut, Boston Road; one copy at the

Nutting Lake Post Office; one copy at the North Billerica Post Office; one copy at Jim's Automotive/Fahey Gulf Station, Nashua Road; one copy at DeMoulas Market Basket, Towne Plaza, Boston Road; one copy at the Center Post Office, Boston Road, one copy at the Pinehurst Fire Station; one copy at the North Billerica Fire Station; one copy at the Town Hall, Boston Road; and one copy at the Billerica Public Library.

Given under our hands this tenth day of March, 1997.

Ellen Day Rawlings, Chairman
Arthur L. Doyle
Brion M. Cangiamila
James F. O'Donnell, Jr.
Edward J. Hurd
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A True Copy

ATTEST:

Walter J. McAvoy
Constable, Town of Billerica

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION – April 5, 1997
Election Workers

Precinct 1

Warden	Paula C. Baldwin
Clerk	Nancy L. Desmond
Deputy Warden	Shirley Gullage
Deputy Clerk	Dianne S. Bone
Inspector	Peter Woodbury
Inspector	Tina-Mae Ryan
Deputy Inspector	Barbara L. Arey
Deputy Inspector	Joan McDonald

Precinct 2

Warden	June F. DePinto
Clerk	Mary I. True
Deputy Warden	Sandra E. Crandall
Deputy Clerk	Susan S. Gee
Inspector	Georgiana A. Menezes
Inspector	John C. Gherson
Deputy Inspector	Estelle M. McCarthy
Deputy Inspector	----------

Precinct 3

Warden	Carol A. Ryan
Clerk	Sandra M. Matthews
Deputy Warden	Edna G. McDewell
Deputy Clerk	Lorraine Balboni
Inspector	Nancy Emus
Inspector	Ralph Morrison
Deputy Inspector	Catherine A. Fleurant
Deputy Inspector	Harry Chronister

Precinct 4

Warden	Dorothy M. Ryan
Clerk	Mary A. Overy
Deputy Warden	Eleanor A. Sievert
Deputy Clerk	Virginia Rogers
Inspector	Eleanor E. Shea
Inspector	Albert F. Gabalis
Deputy Inspector	James Haines
Deputy Inspector	Marilyn Treanor

Precinct 5

Warden	Karen A. Warren
Clerk	Margaret M. Hamilton
Deputy Warden	Mary Bourque
Deputy Clerk	Mary A. Wilson
Inspector	Marie O'Rourke
Inspector	Shirley A. Smith
Deputy Inspector	Joan P. MacMillan
Deputy Inspector	Valti Merrow

Precinct 6

Warden	Anita Gass
Clerk	Yoshiko A. Wright
Deputy Warden	Ellen L. Bordieri
Deputy Clerk	Catherine A. Lawson
Inspector	Robert B. Baldwin
Inspector	Barbara Woodbury
Deputy Inspector	Ellen Sargent
Deputy Inspector	Nancy A. Wallin

Precinct 7

Warden	Rachel L. Goding
Clerk	Donald J. Ryan
Deputy Warden	Dorothy M. Pearson
Deputy Clerk	Margaret Palasek
Inspector	Angela DeMeo
Inspector	Timothy Gearin
Deputy Inspector	Susan Lorigan
Deputy Inspector	Leo Shea

Precinct 8

Warden	JoAnn B. Costedio
Clerk	Marion E. Potter
Deputy Warden	Catherine J. Mullen
Deputy Clerk	Margaret B. Ingraham
Inspector	Elda L. Medeiros
Inspector	Patricia Gualteri
Deputy Inspector	Leo A. Benjamin, Jr.
Deputy Inspector	Alex Ingraham

Precinct 9

Warden	Jean M. Roach
Clerk	M. Eileen Cotter
Deputy Warden	Jean M. Sarno
Deputy Clerk	Bessie M. Bacon
Inspector	Mary J. Sarno
Inspector	Barbara A. Bailey
Deputy Inspector	A. Kathleen Revane
Deputy Inspector	Mary H. Dutile

Precinct 10

Warden	Roger C. Gosselin
Clerk	James V. Hoyt, Jr.
Deputy Warden	Barbara Reinecker
Deputy Clerk	Barbara G. Norman
Inspector	Earle F. Merrow
Inspector	Delores Balloou
Deputy Inspector	Mary A. Pasho
Deputy Inspector	Carol Crozier

TOWN ELECTION – April 5, 1997
BILLERICA, MASSACHUSETTS

	PR. 1	PR. 2	PR. 3	PR. 4	PR. 5	PR. 6	PR. 7	PR. 8	PR. 9	PR. 10	TOTAL
Selectman, 3 Yrs. - Vote 1											
Cosmo D. Cavicchio	116	117	91	140	145	170	240	152	114	168	1,453
* James F. O'Donnell, Jr.	206	202	192	108	194	165	125	123	154	156	1,625
Michael Rosa	80	118	107	108	108	95	118	74	150	104	1,062
Scatterings	3			1			1				5
Blanks	3	8	8	1	5	4	5	3	6	6	49
Total	408	445	398	358	452	434	489	352	424	434	4,194
Moderator, 3 Yrs. - Vote 1											
* Maureen M. Sullivan	249	270	217	212	265	271	323	232	258	267	2,564
John F. Mixon, Jr.	141	154	165	134	174	150	153	107	141	149	1,468
Scatterings		1	1		1		1		2	1	7
Blanks	18	20	15	12	12	13	12	13	23	17	155
Total	408	445	398	358	452	434	489	352	424	434	4,194
Planning Board, 3 Yrs. - Vote 2											
* Robert C. Norman	248	258	236	211	261	233	262	203	233	251	2,396
* Brian DeVellis	223	243	224	196	230	249	276	196	248	251	2,336
Scatterings	4	1	3	2	3	1	3	0	1	2	20
Blanks	341	388	333	307	410	385	437	305	366	364	3,636
Total	816	890	796	716	904	868	978	704	848	868	8,388
School Committee, 3 Yrs. - Vote 1											
* Robert W. Keough	279	309	294	246	327	295	338	241	291	324	2,944
Scatterings	4	7	3	8	8	3	4	4	4	1	46
Blanks	125	129	101	104	117	136	147	107	129	109	1,204
Total	408	445	398	358	452	434	489	352	424	434	4,194
Housing Authority, 5 Yrs. - Vote 1											
* Elizabeth F. McCarthy	279	322	287	241	320	298	331	245	279	305	2,907
Scatterings	6	6	5	4	2	4	4	1	6	3	41
Blanks	123	117	106	113	130	132	154	106	139	126	1,246
Total	408	445	398	358	452	434	489	352	424	434	4,194

	PR. 1	PR. 2	PR. 3	PR. 4	PR. 5	PR. 6	PR. 7	PR. 8	PR. 9	PR. 10	TOTAL
Housing Authority, 4 Yrs. Unexp - Vote 1											
* Stewart Wood	178	123	170	173	267	177	214	124	214	229	1,869
Milton Sauders	141	255	134	90	94	156	145	147	107	116	1,385
Scatterings	1	1	3	1		1	3		2		12
Blanks	88	66	91	94	91	100	127	81	101	89	928
Total	408	445	398	358	452	434	489	352	424	434	4,194
Regional Vocational School District Committee, 3 Yrs. - Vote 1											
* Kenneth L. Buffum	200	237	188	187	255	219	234	177	205	217	2,119
Barbara Hamilton Keans	176	165	169	145	169	178	209	136	183	194	1,724
Scatterings	1		1	2			2		1		7
Blanks	31	43	40	24	28	37	44	39	35	23	344
Total	408	445	398	358	452	434	489	352	424	434	4,194
Question #1 - Charter Changes - Vote 1											
* Yes	235	244	215	197	253	255	263	213	227	274	2,376
No	84	94	98	77	101	93	99	67	94	71	878
Blanks	89	107	85	84	98	86	127	72	103	89	940
Total	408	445	398	358	452	434	489	352	424	434	4,194

* = Elected

TOWN ELECTION – April 5, 1997
BILLERICA, MASSACHUSETTS

PRECINCT 1

Town Meeting Members, 3 Yrs., Vote 8

* Roger Biagiotti, Jr.	262
* Bernard T. Duggan	261
* Joseph E. Silva	252
* Gordon C. Brainerd	251
Scatterings	30
Blanks	2,208
Total	3,264

Town Meeting Members, 1 Yr. Unexp., Vote 2

* Laura L. Champa	316
Scatterings	9
Blanks	491
Total	816

PRECINCT 2

Town Meeting Members, 3 Yrs., Vote 7

* Jeanne Legallo	299
* Carol D. Wood	312
* Thomas J. Ferraro	309
* Edward A. Bunker	264
Scatterings	19
Blanks	1,912
Total	3,115

Town Meeting Members, 2 Yrs. Unexp., Vote 1

* Edward V. Morris, Jr.	328
Scatterings	3
Blanks	114
Total	445

PRECINCT 3

Town Meeting Members, 3 Yrs., Vote 9

* Lillian J. Arsenault	253
* John F. Gray, Jr.	256
* Jay H. Thomas, III	267
* Norman H. Hall	251
* Gilbert A. Moreira	251
* Susan D. Moreira	254
* Claire Babcock	38
Scatterings	45
Blanks	1,967
Total	3,582

Town Meeting Members, 1 Yr. Unexp., Vote 1

Scatterings	33
Blanks	365
Total	398

PRECINCT 4

Town Meeting Members, 3 Yrs., Vote 8

* Stephen R. Dresser	234
* William L. Rundgren	203
* David W. Doyle	236
* Scott W. Winchell	216
* Robert C. Norman	219
* Joseph F. LeBlanc	208
* Lorraine Lally	205
* Robert D. Killeen	209
Scatterings	12
Blanks	1,122
Total	2,864

Town Meeting Members, 2 Yrs. Unexp., Vote 1

* David Dumais	252
Scatterings	1
Blanks	105
Total	358

Town Meeting Members, 1 Yr. Unexp., Vote 1

* Stephen A. Jenkins	246
Scatterings	1
Blanks	111
Total	358

PRECINCT 5

Town Meeting Members, 3 Yrs., Vote 7

* Madeline T. Sargent	291
* Brenda J. O'Donnell	287
Brion M. Cangiamila	235
* Donald L. Fay	266
* John T. Keough	287
* Michael A. Tammaro	331
* Diana D. J. Dagavarian	261
* Lisa E. Sanford	259
Scatterings	6
Blanks	941
Total	3,164

PRECINCT 6

Town Meeting Members, 3 Yrs., Vote 8

* Dorothy M. Callihan	264
* Phyllis A. MacDonald	251
* Donna A. Amato	258
* Cosmo D. Cavicchio, Jr.	291
* Thomas H. Conway, III	279
* Edward R. McLaughlin	288
* Sally S. Markarian	256
Scatterings	20
Blanks	1,565
Total	3,472

Town Meeting Members, 2 Yrs. Unexp., Vote 1

* William J. Cameron	291
Scatterings	6
Blanks	137
Total	434

PRECINCT 7

Town Meeting Members, 3 Yrs., Vote 9

* Barbara A. Flynn	323
* Ralph J. McKenna	278
* Paul L. Overy	267
* Diane J. DePaso	291
* William O. Kelley, Jr.	274
William R. Lee	257
* Vincent A. Amato, Jr.	276
* Joseph Sharrock	287
* Gloria M. McKenna	264
* John J. Barry, Jr.	261
Scatterings	6
Blanks	1,617
Total	4,401

Town Meeting Members, 1 Yr. Unexp., Vote 1

* John J. McKenna	323
Scatterings	1
Blanks	165
Total	489

PRECINCT 8

Town Meeting Members, 3 Yrs., Vote 7

* Bernard F. Hoar	213
* Ruthanne Allen Bossi	180
* Barbara Morrissey	205
* Daniel C. Rosa, Jr.	231
* Anthony R. Iovanna	200
* Elizabeth A. Davis	209
Scatterings	30
Blanks	1,196
Total	2,464

PRECINCT 9

Town Meeting Members, 3 Yrs., Vote 8

* Patricia C. Flemming	263
* William Paskiewicz, Jr.	228
* Leslie A. Hannon	230
* Elaine T. Horlink	257
* Sidney Horlink	235
Walter F. Chase, III	214
* Nicholas J. Rosa	233
Marc F. Lally	211
* John A. Griffin	256
* Michael Rosa	251
Scatterings	8
Blanks	1,006
Total	3,392

Town Meeting Members, 2 Yrs. Unexp., Vote 1

Scatterings	45
Blanks	379
Total	424

Town Meeting Members, 1 Yr. Unexp., Vote 1

Scatterings	25
Blanks	399
Total	424

PRECINCT 10

Town Meeting Members, 3 Yrs., Vote 9

* Marie L. O'Rourke	261
Marguerite A. Massey	180
* Edward J. Hurd	241
* Arthur L. Doyle	236
* Jane M. Kennedy	239
* Barbara H. Kearns	234
* Jerry A. Houghton	212
* Doris M. Pearson	257
Carlo Migliore	150
Joan K. McNamara	202
Peter D. Greeley	169
* Evelyn M. Haines	253
* Joseph L. Devlin	207
Scatterings	1
Blanks	1,064
Total	3,906

* = Elected

ANNUAL SPRING TOWN MEETING
May 6, 1997
Maurice A. Buck Memorial Auditorium
First Session — May 6, 1997

Prior to the start of Town Meeting, Precinct 8 held a caucus and elected the following:

Peter Rawlings, 5 Burnham Road to fill a vacancy;

Chairperson: Barbara Morrissey
10 Sumac Street

Clerk: Ruthanne Allen Bossi
12 Bayberry Lane

Committee on Rules Person: Ruthanne Allen Bossi
12 Bayberry Lane

Dorothy M. Callihan, Oren D. Hunt, Jr., Karen Miller, and John Keough were appointed tellers and were sworn in by Town Clerk Shirley E. Schult.

A Quorum count was called. With one hundred forty-four Town Meeting Members present, the meeting was declared in session at 7:35 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Dennis Bailey, Pastor of the First Congregational Church in Billerica Center gave the invocation followed by "The Star Spangled Banner" sung by the High School Ensemble under the direction of and accompanied by Susanne Robertson.

The Choral Ensemble sang "Traditions" and "Sunrise, Sunset" from the spring musical "Fiddler on the Roof."

School Superintendent Calabrese introduced Salutatorian Bryan Ly, son of Lon and Moy Ly of 10 Call Street, and Valedictorian Nicholas Fitzgerald, son of James and Kathleen Fitzgerald of 12 Castlewood Drive. Dr. Sharkey, Principal of Billerica Memorial High School, and Robert Keough, School Committee Chairman, presented awards to both young men.

The Town Meeting unanimously approved the Moderator's appointment of Gilbert Moreira as Deputy Moderator. He was then sworn to the duties of the office.

It was moved, seconded and VOTED unanimously to accept the warrant as duly served by the Constable.

It was moved, seconded and VOTED unanimously to dispense with the reading of the Articles in the warrant.

WARRANT FOR
1997 ANNUAL SPRING TOWN MEETING
May 6, 1997

To Any Constable in the Town of Billerica

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Maurice A. Buck Memorial Auditorium, Town Hall, 365 Boston Road, Billerica, MA, Tuesday, May 6, 1997, at 7:30 p.m. and subsequent Thursdays and Tuesdays until all of the business in the Warrant shall have been acted upon, then and there to vote on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Economic Opportunity Area (EOA) as provided for under MGL C23A, Section 3A-3H to be named the North Billerica Mills EOA to be comprised of the area described on the 1/16/96 Assessor's Maps as Plate 9, Parcels 93 and 94 and including the full width of the Faulkner Street right-of-way for its entire length and to provide Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and/or a Special Tax Assessment (STA) to certified projects;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to approve a Certified Project Application submitted by Welch's Cooperative, 749 Middlesex Turnpike, for a facility located within the Middlesex Turnpike North Economic Opportunity Area (EOA) in Billerica, Massachusetts and more specifically described on Assessor's Map 96, Parcel 157 (Revised 1/16/96). Said approval will provide local and state tax relief to promote economic development in accordance with G.L. c23A, ss 3A-3H. In addition, the Project Certification confirms:

A. The project, as proposed, is consistent with and can reasonably be expected to benefit significantly from inclusion as a Certified Project.

B. The project, as described in the Project Certification Application, will increase employment opportunities for the residents of Billerica by allowing for continued growth and expansion of facilities in the Economic Opportunity Area.

C. The Town requests that this project be designated as a certified project for a term of not less than five (5) years or more than twenty (20) years duration;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen.

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to approve a Certified Project Application submitted by CRT Development (Cambridge Tool) Faulkner Street, for a facility located within the North Billerica Mills Economic Opportunity Area (EOA) in Billerica, MA, and more specifically described on Assessor's Map 9, Parcel 94 (Revised 1/16/96). Said approval will provide local and state tax relief to promoted economic development in accordance with G.L. c23A, ss 3A-3H. In addition the Project Certification confirms:

A. The project, as proposed, is consistent with and can reasonably be expected to benefit significantly from inclusion as a Certified Project.

B. The project, as described in the Project Certification Application, will increase employment opportunities for the residents of Billerica by allowing for continued growth and expansion of facilities in the Economic Opportunity Area.

C. The town requests that this project be designated as a certified project for a term of not less than five (5) years or more than twenty (20) years duration;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of MA General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 37A - Statutory Real Estate Tax Exemption for Blind Persons;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Selectman James O'Donnell, Jr., authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund to facilitate matching funds for grants received by the Billerica Police Department;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Enterprise Fund per MA General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F1/2 for the operation and maintenance of the Billerica Water Department. All receipts from charges, fees, grants, federal funds, state funds, county funds and MA Department of Revenue community assistance applicable funds are to be received and recorded in a separate account for the use of the Water Department only. All expenses for the operation and maintenance of the Water Department will be paid from this account including labor, materials, insurance, taxes (where applicable), retirement and all related expenses except for major capital, equipment and facilities which are bonded from the General Account. The budget of the Water Department must be approved by the Town Meeting in accordance with present Town procedures. This article will take effect for fiscal year 1999 beginning July 1, 1998;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Bernard Hoar, Petitioner and Messrs. Hoar, Davis, Davis, Brown, Migliore, Morris and Madames Hoar, Kunz and Davis

SUBSTITUTE MOTION MOVED. LOST

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to amend the general By-Laws by adding the following new section:

General By-Law - Underground Utilities Streets & Sidewalks

Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, their agents and employees, who has been granted, or may be granted any license, permission, or other authority to construct or maintain poles and overhead wires and associated overhead structure upon, along, under or across any public way or ways, is forbidden from installing or constructing and shall remove immediately any poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures which are located on, along and across from the center mall to Good Street, Concord Road from River Street to Charnstaffe Lane, Cummings Street from Concord Road to Boston Road;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to approve a By-Law pursuant to MGL chapter 40, Section 6N, providing for the temporary repair of private ways to contain provisions determining: 1) the type and extent of repairs; 2) if drainage shall be included; 3) if the repairs are required by public necessity; 4) the number of percentages of abutters who must petition for such repairs; 5) if betterment charges shall be assessed; 6) the liability limit of the Town on account of damages caused by such repairs; 7) if the way shall have been open for public use for a term of years; and 8) if a cash deposit shall be required for such repairs;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XXV, Section 3 of the Town By-Laws, Construction Employment, with the following provision:

Add the following as Section 3, subsection (c):

"This policy shall be in effect and enforceable when the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' rate of unemployment is at a level of six percent (6%) or higher, on the date of execution of said contract, as determined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training, Research Bureau, as published by said agency monthly;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 10

To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning By-laws as follows: Add a new Section 5.6.J to read:

J. Exemptions

The provisions of this by-law shall not apply to the underground installation of sanitary gravity sewers, sanitary force main sewers, water mains, storm drains and other underground municipal appurtenances on the condition that post development grades will remain the same as pre-development grades.

And by deleting the phrase "with municipal being a Town facility" in Section 5.7.3H and substituting it with:

"With municipal being a Town facility including all municipal underground sanitary gravity sewers, sanitary force main sewers, water mains, storm drains and other underground municipal appurtenances."

And by changing Section 7.5.3.C to read:

B. Above Ground Utility - including structures for communication or other public utility uses but not including municipal underground sanitary gravity sewers, sanitary force main sewers, water mains, storm drains and other underground municipal appurtenances (see section 5.7.3.H);

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

LOST 51 to 96

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 2 of Chapter 448 of the Acts of 1996 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Chapter 448, Section 2 provides that a town may decide by by-law or vote not to take a count and record the vote if a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting is required by statute;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Moderator and the Finance Committee

LOST 64 to 100

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws by adding section 2.14 to Section 2 (Rules):

2.14 On matters requiring a two thirds vote by statute a count need not be taken unless the vote so declared is immediately questioned by seven or more voters as provided in General Laws, Chapter 39, Section 15;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Moderator and the Finance Committee

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the legislature to exempt the position of Civilian Dispatchers from the provisions of MA General Laws, Chapter 31, Civil Service;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED 133 to 17

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to exempt the following Town of Billerica employment positions within the Department of Public Works, from the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Personnel Administration (Civil Service). This exemption shall take effect upon the vacancy of each position by the current incumbent employee.

Town Engineer
Water Systems Superintendent
Tree, Parks Superintendent
Senior Engineering Aide
Wastewater Grade V Operator
Treatment Chemist
Laboratory Technician
Treatment Plant Operator
Highway Superintendent
Wastewater Superintendent
Junior Civil Engineer
Wastewater Maintenance Supervisor
Water Distribution Maintenance Supervisor
Assistant Water System Superintendent
Filter Operator;
or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO SEND TO PERSONNEL BOARD.

CARRIED 90 TO 62

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of granting an easement, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant an easement to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and Mass. Electric Company for the purpose of providing transmission of intelligence, and to set an administrative fee therefore. Such easement locations will be surveyed and identified on plans to be recorded at the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Lowell, MA. The purpose of said easements would be to provide the latest state of the art service, afford greater flexibility with the introduction of additional facilities, enable the company to expedite service requests from customers and implement an accelerated restoration time interval in the event of service interruptions for the inhabitants of the Town of Billerica. Each and every location will go before the Board of Selectmen for Public Hearing as required with abutters being notified;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED 133 to 14

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire rights in land parcels for the purpose of obtaining secure and public rights of way, permanent easements or temporary easements, for the purpose of securing rights for road improvements, sewer and/or water system expansion or storm drainage improvements and further to vote to appropriate a sum of money for said purposes. This action will allow for the following projects:

- Allen Road Reconstruction, Phase IV
- Concord Road Reconstruction and Traffic Safety Improvements
- Whipple Road at George Brown Street Traffic Safety Improvements
- Cook Street Road Reconstruction
- Alexander Road Reconstruction
- Michael Road Drainage Improvements
- Riverbank Road Drainage Improvements
- Olney Street Drainage Improvements
- Salem Road Drainage Improvements

in accordance with plans on file in the office of the Town Engineer. Furthermore, that the Board of Selectmen may acquire these rights of way or easements or modifications of these through all legal means. This includes donations by owners, and/or eminent domain;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

AMENDED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following streets in accordance with the plan(s) on file with the Town Clerk; these streets have been accepted "in name only" by previous Town actions:

Alexander Road (Street)	Allen Road
Andover Road	Baldwin Road
Billerican Avenue	Boston Road
Call Street	Charnstaffe Lane
Chelmsford Road	Colson Street
Concord Road	Cook Street
Cummings Street	Faulkner Street
Floyd Street	French Street
Gray Street	High Street
Lexington Road	Lowell Street
Manning Road	Mount Pleasant Street
Nashua Road	Oak Street
Parker Street	Pollard Street
Pond Street	Rangeway Road
Richardson Street	River Street
Salem Road	School House Lane
Sheldon Street	Spring Road
Talbot Avenue	Treble Cove Road
Webb Brook Road	Whipple Road
Whiting Street	Wyman Road

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to accept Millers Farm Road for its entire length from Heidi Lane to the cul-de-sac as a public way in accordance with the layout adopted by the Board of Selectmen and on file with the Town Clerk;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Planning Board

CARRIED 153 to 2

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue Olive Road as a public way for a distance of approximately 50 feet;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Patricia Silva, Petitioner, and Messrs. Silva, Candow, Abrams, Viscione, Ciesla and Madames Candow, Abrams, Viscione and Ciesla

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to establish a study committee to examine the provisions of the sign by-laws with respect to multiple tenant shopping center signage. This committee shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and shall consist of seven members; one from a nominee from each of the following: Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, the Billerica Plan and the Billerica Chamber of Commerce and two at-large property owners;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Planning Board

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to rezone a Town owned parcel of land identified on the 1/16/96 Assessor's Map as Plate 29, Parcel 4, containing approximately 25 acres from an Industrial District to a Composting District;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Recycling Committee

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5.7.3.N of the Zoning By-Law as follows:

1.) 5.7.3.N - Restaurant, Hotel & Motel - with a restaurant including a food establishment where the principal service is the sale of food on chinaware or beverage in glasses or china cups to be consumed by persons at tables within the building and the incidental sale of food to

"take out" and including a fast food establishment providing that adequate safeguards are employed to control the disposal of disposable containers; restaurants in Industrial Districts are prohibited unless specifically permitted by the SPGA; with Hotel and Motel including lodging for more than four roomers, boarders or tourists, and open space shall be provided on associated driveways, equal to twice the gross floor area of the hotel or motel. Rooms or suites of rooms shall not contain cooking facilities unless specifically permitted by the SPGA. In all applicable districts hotel or motel sites shall contain at least ten acres and the hotel and motel shall contain at least 100 guest rooms or suites;

or act in relation thereto.

* (Restaurant, Hotel & Motel - with a restaurant including a food establishment where the principal service is the sale of food on chinaware or beverage in glasses or china cups to be consumed by persons at tables within the building and the incidental sale of food to "take out" and including a fast food establishment providing that adequate safeguards are employed to control the disposal of disposable containers; with restaurants in Industrial Districts solely for the use of the businesses they serve, not open to the public; with Hotel and Motel including lodging for more than four roomers, boarders or tourists, provided that such lodging facilities shall not be within 1300 feet of similar business and open space shall be provided on the lot in addition to any area required for parking and associated driveways, equal to twice the gross floor area of the hotel or motel. Rooms or suites of rooms shall not contain cooking facilities unless specifically permitted by the SPGA. In no case shall there be more than ten guest rooms or suites with cooking facilities. In all applicable districts hotel or motel sites shall contain at least ten acres and the hotel or motel shall contain at least 100 guest rooms or suites.)

* This is the way Section 5.7.3.N reads at the present time.

Submitted by Deborah McAdoo and Messrs. Dangora, Dangora, Shaw, Allen, Hammond, Farmer, Goday and Madames McNamara and Abelli.

CARRIED 154 to 12

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to re-zone from a Neighborhood Residence District to a General Business District the whole or any part of the land owned by Jeremiah O'Connor off Boston Road in said Town, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING on the northerly line dividing lands of Jeremiah O'Connor and Henry F. Collins and at the existing General Business Zone District, 200 feet, more or less, from the westerly line of Boston Road, thence

WESTERLY by land of said Collins on a line bearing S86-10-10W six and twenty-eight hundredths feet (6.28) to a point, thence

SOUTHERLY by land of said Collins on a line bearing S18-23-50E two hundred three and thirty-one hundredths feet (203.31) to a point, thence

WESTERLY by land of said Collins on a line bearing S84-32-10W two hundred fifty-two and no hundredths feet (252.00) to a point, thence

SOUTHERLY over land of said O'Connor on a line bearing S05-09-50E three hundred thirty-five and forty-eight hundredths feet (335.48) to a point at land of Charles & Patricia Carroll, thence turning and running

NORTHEASTERLY by land of said Carroll's on a line bearing N62-00-26E two hundred three and no hundredths feet (203.00) to a point, thence

NORTHEASTERLY by land of said Carroll along a curve having a radius of nine hundred forty and seventy hundredths feet (940.70) and curving to the left along an arc of one hundred twenty-nine and five hundredths feet (129.05) to a point, said point being at the existing General Business Zone line

200 feet more or less from the westerly line of Boston Road, thence turning and running

NORTHERLY over land of said O'Connor along the existing General Business Zone Line bearing N16-11-00W one hundred fifty-seven and eighty-nine hundredths feet (157.89) to a point; thence

NORTHERLY over land of said O'Connor along the existing General Business Zone Line bearing N19-07-00W two hundred fifty and fourteen hundredths feet (250.14) to the point of beginning and containing an area of one and eighty-three one hundredths acres, more or less (1.83± acres);

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by David Ashe, Petitioner and Messrs. Button, Donavan, Miller, Sherwood, Lavery, Davey and Madames Powderly, Giroux and Dyer

CARRIED 152 to 18

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to rezone from Industrial District to Village Residential District the whole or any part of land owned by Alexander Family Trust, III, Leonard Caporale, Trustee, and Alexander Realty Trust III, Leonard Caporale, Trustee, on Cook Street in said Town bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHWESTERLY by Cook Street by three courses meaasuring respectively 676.03 feet, 157.42 feet and 50.54 feet;
NORTHWESTERLY by Lubbers Avenue North, 1174.02 feet;
NORTHEASTERLY by Jaquith Street, 710.38 feet; and
EASTERLY by the Billerica/Wilmington Town Line, 991.52 feet.

Containing 869,542 square feet of land;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Leonard Caporale, Petitioner, and Messrs. Strazzere, Rabidou, Lafferty, Hurley and Madames Hayes, Caporale, Schmitz and Caporale

CARRIED 131 to 22

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to rezone from a Residential District to a Business District the whole or any part of land owned by Charles E. Carroll in said Town, bounded and described as follows:

By the land of Jerry O'Connor (Grossman's), N 62 degrees 01' 14" E, still by the land of Jerry O'Connor (Grossman's) at a radius of 940.70 feet a length of 45.03 feet to Lot C owned by Charles E. Carroll. By Lot C, S 30 degrees 43' 18" E, 40.00 feet to land of Petronio by the land of Petronio at a radius of 980.70 feet, a length of 46.94 feet to a point.

Still by the land of Petronio S 62 degrees 01' 14" W, 287.31 feet to land of Boston and Maine Corp.

Still by the land of Boston and Maine Corp. N 27 degrees 58' 46" W, 40.00 feet to the point of the beginning;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Charles E. Carroll, Petitioner, and Messrs. Conners, Rogers, Cawthrone, Shaw and Madames Nardone, Usseglio, Rogers, McKinley and Markarian

CARRIED 114 to 30

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will zone as Cluster Overlay Residential District the whole or any part of land owned by Andrew T. Card in said Town bounded and described as follows: "Starting from a point at the Bedford line on Nashua Road Northwesterly for 442.67 ± to a stonewall, westerly 932' ± to a stonewall; southerly 950 ± to Bedford line and Easterly along Bedford line 1110' ± to point of beginning containing approximately 15 acres;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Robert Brown, Petitioner, and Messrs. Williams, Bagdigian, Bagdigian, Crosby, Butter and Madames Williams, Bagdigian, Crosby and Butter.

CARRIED 123 to 23

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to zone as Elderly Housing Overlay District the whole or any part of land owned by Romolo E. Capobianco, Fay Capobianco, M.E.G. Trust, Donald E. and Phyllis A. MacDonald on Cider Mll Way (off Andover Road) in said Town, bounded and described as follows:

Exhibit A

The land in Billerica, Middlesex County, MA, shown as Lot A and Lot B on a plan entitled: "Rezoning, Plan of Land in Billerica, MA, prepared for Romolo Capobianco, prepared by Raymond Engineering Service dated March 24, 1997. Said land is bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the northeasterly tip of Lot A as shown on said plan and Andover Road and thence commencing:

SOUTHERLY 125 feet to a point, then heading;

EASTERLY 85 feet to a point, then heading;

SOUTHERLY 71.18 feet to a point, then heading;

EASTERLY 269.69 feet to a point, then heading

SOUTHERLY 154.26 feet to a point, then heading;

SOUTHEASTERLY by two lines measuring 277.46 and 691.96 feet to a point, then heading

SOUTHERLY by three lines measuring 52.43, 241.79, and 362.78 feet to a point, then heading

WESTERLY by six lines measuring 211.56, 13.01, 85.51, 587.62, 283.17 and 449.31 feet to a point, then heading

NORTHERLY 192.91 feet to a point, then heading

WESTERLY by two lines measuring 332.00 and 87.72 feet to a point, then heading

NORTHERLY 201.87 feet to a point on Cider Mill Way as shown on said plan, then heading

NORTHERLY by Cider Mill Way as shown on said plan, by a curved line measuring 131.67 and 188.67 feet to a point; then heading

NORTHEASTERLY by three lines measuring 41.66, 300.69 and 175.81 feet to a point, then heading

NORTHERLY 473.28 feet to a point, then heading

NORTHEASTERLY 89.42 feet to a point, then heading

NORTHWESTERLY 23.36 and 119.81 and 25.51 along a radius 119.81 to a point in Andover Road, then heading

EASTERLY 57.23 by Andover Road to a point, then heading

SOUTHEASTERLY 174.19 feet to a point, then heading

EASTERLY 63.29 feet to a point, then heading

SOUTHERLY 31 feet to a point, then heading

SOUTHEASTERLY by two lines measuring 95.80 and 208.52 feet to a point, then heading

NORTHERLY by two lines measuring 155.33 and 113.10 feet to a point on Andover Road, then heading

EASTERLY by Andover Road by two lines measuring 154.79 and 54.91 feet to the point of beginning.

Said Lot A and Lot B contain 99,800 square feet (2.29 Acres) and 2,089,675 square feet (47.97 Acres) according to said plan;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Romolo Capobianco, Petitioner, and Messrs. McDonald, Griggs, Innis, Dampolo, Needham and Madames Mason, MacDonald, Needham and True

CARRIED 123 to 30

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to zone as Elderly Housing Overlay District from the whole or any part of land owned by Shirley A. Gentile, Trustee of Hyperion Realty Trust on Rangeway Road in said Town bounded and described as follows:

Compiled plan of land in Billerica, MA for Hyperion Realty Trust on a plan dated March 24, 1997, Robert M. Gill and Associates, Inc., Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors. Said parcel of land is bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHWESTERLY 485.47 feet by Rangeway Road;

SOUTHEASTERLY 1383.35 feet by land now or formerly of Elliot J. and Gertrude K. Carey and Craig L. Syliva;

NORTHEASTERLY 991.71 feet by land now or formerly of Thomas R. Lane;

SOUTHWESTERLY 532.95 feet by land of Philip and Mae Parker and Fred and Barbara Breitwieser;

NORTHWESTERLY 619.27 feet by land of Philip and Mae Parker to the point of beginning.

Said parcel of land contains 24.5 acres more or less;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Joseph P. Shaw, Petitioner, and Messrs. McKenna, Garvin, and Madames Shaw, Shaw, McAdoo, McNamara, Capen, Garvin, Hall

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to set the salaries of elected officials as follows:

Selectmen, Chairman	$ 2,000
Selectmen, Members	$ 1,800
Town Clerk	$62,070(step plus longevity)

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Billerica Finance Committee

CARRIED

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to adopt, pursuant to Article 5 of the Billerica Home Rule Charter, the following proposed line item budget for fiscal year 1997-98 (FY98). This budget was produced under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and represents a complete financial plan of all Town funds and activities that are subject to appropriation, including the budget as requested by the School Committee (Department Account # 300-5100, # 300-5800) and provisions for a reserve fund (Account # 910-7090) administered by the Finance Committee.

The line item budget is arranged to show the actual expenditures for the current year and the proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year. It is summarized by Town agency, function and/or program including any proposed capital expenditures. The Town Administrator's detailed budget and all explanatory information is available to the Town Meeting Representatives and the general public for inspection in the Town Administrator's Office, the Public Library and the Town Clerk's Office.

The following budget, when considered by the Town Meeting, shall first be subject to amendment, if any, as may be proposed by the Finance Committee;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and Finance Committee

TOWN OF BILLERICA
FY98 BUDGET

Dept.-Acct.		Spent FY95	Spent FY96	Budget FY97	Town Mgr. FY98
122-5100	Personnel	9,292	47,824	51,916	54,650
122-5400	Supplies & Expenses	3,760	3,118	7,500	7,700
122-5200	Contract Services	7,039	7,613	8,525	9,060
122-Total	**Board of Selectmen**	20,091	58,555	67,941	71,410
123-5100	Personnel	207,029	193,535	215,663	256,324
123-5400	Supplies & Expenses	0	0	0	0
123-5200	Contract Services	3,462	3,483	3,730	3,900
123-Total	**Town Administrator**	210,491	197,018	219,393	260,224
135-5100	Personnel	125,672	147,542	166,117	145,514
135-5400	Supplies & Expenses	325	609	975	1,000
135-5200	Contract Services	14,427	6,470	3,000	4,000
135-Total	**Town Accountant**	140,424	154,621	170,092	150,514
145-5100	Personnel	295,311	285,277	306,780	314,399
145-5400	Supplies & Expenses	7,803	71,242	3,000	20,000
145-5200	Contract Services	74,995	56,588	116,396	46,515
145-5800	Capital Outlay	0	10,611	0	85,000
145-Total	**Treasurer/Collector**	378,109	423,718	426,176	465,914
141-5100	Personnel	186,276	199,530	211,503	219,228
141-5400	Supplies & Expenses	1,441	1,320	1,500	1,500
141-5200	Contract Services	11,027	10,335	75,690	34,340
141-5800	Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
141-Total	**Assessor**	198,744	211,185	288,693	255,068
161-5100	Personnel	108,952	118,563	129,600	145,381
161-5400	Supplies & Expenses	500	0	150	175
161-5200	Contract Services	1,268	567	1,195	3,880
161-5800	Capital Outlay	788	4,102	0	1,500
161-Total	**Town Clerk**	111,508	123,232	130,945	150,936
543-5100	Personnel	65,616	69,062	75,745	79,878
543-5400	Supplies & Expenses	0	30	30	30
543-5200	Contract Services	935	905	905	965
543-54392	Veterans Benefits	284,946	230,926	260,000	255,000
543-Total	**Veterans Services**	351,497	300,923	336,680	335,873
192-5100	Personnel	25,686	29,182	30,449	31,708
192-5400	Supplies & Expenses	53,800	74,482	67,900	70,300
192-5200	Contract Services	118,182	130,941	114,760	127,760
192-Total	**Town Hall**	197,668	234,605	213,109	229,768

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Dept.-Acct.		Spent FY95	Spent FY96	Budget FY97	Town Mgr. FY98
151-5100	Personnel	0	0	0	0
151-5200	Contract Services	146,600	162,937	137,000	142,500
151-Total	**Legal Department**	146,600	162,937	137,000	142,500
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		1,755,132	1,866,794	1,990,029	2,062,207
163-5100	Personnel	59,104	59,715	64,996	55,930
163-5400	Supplies & Expenses	2,581	2,599	4,753	4,753
163-5200	Contract Services	2,764	3,012	3,140	3,555
163-5800	Capital Outlay	0	0	0	1,000
163-Total	**Board of Registrars**	64,449	65,326	72,889	65,238
162-5100	Personnel	40,253	20,724	42,977	13,709
162-5400	Supplies & Expenses	1,017	577	990	600
162-5200	Contract Services	4,367	5,204	8,160	8,680
162-5800	Capital Outlay	17,803	17,803	17,804	0
162-Total	**Election Department**	63,440	44,308	69,931	22,989
175-5100	Personnel	80,672	82,667	86,825	87,169
175-5130	Overtime	1,532	2,003	2,026	2,110
175-5400	Supplies & Expenses	304	466	200	575
175-5200	Contract Services	564	242	325	850
175-5800	Capital Outlay	250	108	0	2,961
175-Total	**Planning Board**	83,322	85,486	89,376	93,665
176-5100	Personnel	29,674	31,532	32,944	34,957
176-5130	Overtime	1,383	1,344	1,711	1,800
176-5400	Supplies & Expenses	0	15	100	200
176-5200	Contract Services	0	0	100	100
176-Total	**Board of Appeals**	31,057	32,891	34,855	37,057
131-5100	Personnel	1,005	782	1,454	1,673
131-5400	Supplies & Expenses	0	0	50	50
131-5200	Contract Services	1,140	980	1,460	1,460
131-Total	**Finance Committee**	2,145	1,762	2,964	3,183
171-5100	Personnel	63,676	69,499	73,180	78,270
171-5400	Supplies & Expenses	146	0	0	100
171-5200	Contract Services	330	335	320	565
171-Total	**Conservation Commission**	64,152	69,834	73,500	78,935
541-5100	Personnel	55,514	70,916	101,251	116,435
541-5400	Supplies & Expenses	1,087	1,239	1,000	1,000
541-5200	Contract Services	12,682	9,940	12,168	28,568
541-5800	Capital Outlay	1,875	1,620	2,000	3,900
541-Total	**Council on Aging**	71,158	83,715	116,419	149,903

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Dept.-Acct.		Spent FY95	Spent FY96	Budget FY97	Town Mgr. FY98
691-5400	Supplies & Expenses	32	63	100	100
691-5200	Contract Services	0	390	482	500
691-Total	**Historical Commission**	32	454	582	600
561-5400	Supplies & Expenses	232	0	200	500
561-5200	Contract Services	0	0	300	500
561-Total	**Disability Commission**	232	0	500	1,000
563-5100	Personnel	0	0	100	0
563-5400	Supplies & Expenses	0	0	0	0
563-Total	**Housing Partnership**	0	0	100	0
129-5100	Personnel	0	0	500	500
129-5400	Supplies & Expenses	0	25	25	25
129-5200	Contract Services	0	0	0	0
129-Total	**Cable Advisory**	0	25	525	525
BOARDS & COMMISSIONS		379,987	383,801	461,641	453,095
210-5100	Personnel	2,950,832	3,133,282	3,543,549	3,765,160
210-5130	Overtime	239,878	270,798	275,000	350,000
210-5400	Supplies & Expenses	113,416	135,173	150,290	171,660
210-5200	Contract Services	113,760	101,722	98,700	114,995
210-5800	Capital Outlay	70,009	46,206	35,000	92,000
210-Total	**Police Department**	3,487,895	3,687,181	4,102,539	4,493,815
231-5100	Personnel	305,179	321,819	319,004	341,758
231-5130	Overtime	66,814	74,413	68,000	80,000
231-5400	Supplies & Expenses	12,418	12,093	17,980	31,295
231-5200	Contract Services	6,776	11,324	1,475	4,530
231-5800	Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
231-Total	**Ambulance**	391,187	419,649	406,459	457,583
220-5100	Personnel	3,241,547	3,407,838	3,591,574	3,686,600
220-5130	Overtime	234,655	364,879	300,000	380,000
220-5400	Supplies & Expenses	96,988	129,401	105,150	114,100
220-5200	Contract Services	111,799	205,400	207,824	227,755
220-5800	Capital Outlay	22,073	6,700	25,000	195,731
220-Total	**Fire Department**	3,707,062	4,114,218	4,229,548	4,604,186
291-5100	Personnel	7,088	7,358	7,746	7,746
291-5400	Supplies & Expenses	13,690	6,330	9,400	12,000
291-5800	Capital Outlay	0	0	3,000	13,000
291-Total	**Emergency Management**	20,778	13,688	20,146	32,746

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Dept.-Acct.		Spent FY95	Spent FY96	Budget FY97	Town Mgr. FY98
292-5100	Personnel	34,550	36,563	38,569	39,983
292-5400	Supplies & Expenses	1,644	1,651	1,450	2,050
292-5200	Contract Services	3,769	3,224	3,319	3,683
292-Total	**Dog Officer**	39,963	41,438	43,338	45,716
42430-5279	**Street Lights**	194,525	184,020	198,683	202,656
PUBLIC SAFETY		7,841,410	8,460,194	9,000,713	9,836,702
241-5100	Personnel	249,714	313,646	337,382	347,892
241-5400	Supplies & Expenses	2,500	5,120	5,850	6,750
241-5200	Contract Services	18,876	24,874	26,018	28,950
241-5800	Capital Outlay	0	1,078	0	1,200
241-Total	**Building Department**	271,090	343,640	369,250	384,792
244-5100	Personnel	4,980	5,147	5,181	5,290
244-5400	Supplies & Expenses	402	318	320	320
244-5200	Contract Services	1,016	1,108	910	1,170
244-Total	**Sealer of Weights**	6,398	6,573	6,411	6,780
INSPECTIONS		277,488	350,213	375,661	391,572
510-5100	Personnel	101,216	112,598	195,146	184,182
510-5130	Overtime	500	0	0	0
510-5400	Supplies & Expenses	554	604	754	904
510-5200	Contract Services	25,600	62,210	10,395	18,702
510-5800	Capital Outlay	2,502	489	500	0
510-Total	**Board of Health**	130,372	175,901	206,795	203,788
522-5100	Personnel	30,007	33,265	36,188	37,825
522-5400	Supplies & Expenses	1,462	1,610	1,475	1,750
522-5200	Contract Services	2,138	1,712	3,750	2,500
522-Total	**Public Health Nurse**	33,607	36,587	41,413	42,075
525-5100	Personnel	0	0	0	9,722
525-5400	Supplies & Expenses	0	0	100	100
525-5200	Contract Services	9,109	9,227	10,079	806
525-Total	**Sanitation**	9,109	9,227	10,179	10,628
PUBLIC HEALTH		173,088	221,715	258,387	256,491

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Dept.-Acct.		Spent FY95	Spent FY96	Budget FY97	Town Mgr. FY98
421-5100	Personnel	218,864	220,391	233,014	244,919
421-5130	Overtime	313	478	500	500
421-5400	Supplies & Expenses	2,169	2,004	2,350	2,500
421-5200	Contract Services	2,185	4,179	11,468	13,825
421-5800	Capital Outlay	4,000	0	0	0
421-Total	**Public Works Administrator**	227,531	227,052	247,332	261,744
410-5100	Personnel	118,623	174,560	185,337	192,142
410-5130	Overtime	1,419	3,734	2,500	2,500
410-5400	Supplies & Expenses	7,052	6,062	6,319	6,750
410-5200	Contract Services	1,298	1,132	1,880	3,000
410-5800	Capital Outlay	0	0	0	7,000
410-Total	**Public Works Engineer**	128,392	185,488	196,036	211,392
422-5100	Personnel	437,189	521,576	575,857	577,261
422-5130	Overtime	113,003	269,984	75,200	90,000
422-5400	Supplies & Expenses	111,838	145,579	159,500	166,777
422-5200	Contract Services	368,128	1,264,450	328,050	410,000
422-5800	Capital Outlay	0	0	25,000	0
422-Total	**Highway Department**	1,030,158	2,201,589	1,163,607	1,244,038
441-5100	Personnel	647,529	745,556	751,963	754,691
441-5130	Overtime	67,014	84,199	70,500	80,000
441-5400	Supplies & Expenses	258,114	284,548	303,432	319,000
441-5200	Contract Services	526,044	526,277	594,373	599,200
441-5800	Capital Outlay	0	0	48,000	0
441-Total	**Sewer Department**	1,498,701	1,640,580	1,768,268	1,752,891
650-5100	Personnel	118,234	134,542	136,657	139,799
650-5130	Overtime	9,297	14,296	11,280	11,000
650-5400	Supplies & Expenses	15,621	18,721	19,850	21,125
650-5200	Contract Services	6,377	8,441	7,661	33,000
650-5800	Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
650-Total	**Parks & Trees**	149,529	176,000	175,448	204,924
492-5100	Personnel	90,911	107,669	588,160	115,726
492-5130	Overtime	16,493	18,959	19,270	22,500
492-5400	Supplies & Expenses	134,297	144,815	132,775	145,175
492-5200	Contract Services	26,314	35,096	32,600	37,000
492-Total	**Motor Equipment**	268,015	306,539	772,805	320,401
453-5100	Personnel	432,024	530,703	568,160	600,107
453-5130	Overtime	67,669	55,625	47,000	68,000
453-5400	Supplies & Expenses	255,461	270,902	253,416	275,500
453-5200	Contract Services	337,963	406,308	386,200	410,000
453-5800	Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
453-Total	**Water Treatment**	1,093,117	1,263,538	1,254,776	1,353,607

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Dept.-Acct.		Spent FY95	Spent FY96	Budget FY97	Town Mgr. FY98
452-5100	Personnel	280,297	213,886	244,196	244,979
452-5130	Overtime	9,075	89,400	60,000	95,000
452-5400	Supplies & Expenses	35,789	35,014	35,169	36,000
452-5200	Contract Services	22,859	27,420	23,762	24,800
452-5800	Capital Outlay	0	58,738	0	0
452-Total	**Water Maintenance**	398,020	424,458	363,127	400,779
451-5100	Personnel	94,770	90,853	89,695	93,246
451-5130	Overtime	920	5,950	6,930	3,000
451-5400	Supplies & Expenses	12,056	10,897	15,950	15,800
451-5200	Contract Services	11,506	19,418	19,100	12,800
451-5800	Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
451-Total	**Water Billing**	119,252	127,118	131,675	124,846
454-5100	Personnel	33,396	137,392	63,997	40,772
454-5130	Overtime	0	2,315	0	2,500
454-5400	Supplies & Expenses	5,194	7,285	3,100	8,000
454-5200	Contract Services	29,904	6,985	26,742	38,742
454-Total	**Customer Service**	68,494	153,977	93,839	90,014
PUBLIC WORKS		4,981,209	6,706,339	6,166,913	5,964,636
300-5100	Personnel	22,629,594	24,020,064	25,457,571	26,599,743
300-5400	Supplies & Expenses	918,358	854,092	888,503	801,718
300-5200	Contract Services	4,815,631	5,708,466	5,914,440	6,584,134
300-5800	Capital Outlay	134,797	171,175	150,074	77,932
300-Total	**Billerica Schools**	28,498,380	30,753,797	32,410,588	34,063,527
310	Operating Costs	3,019,992	3,085,975	3,140,641	3,303,618
310-5800	Capital Costs	70,473	179,398	185,879	172,225
310-Total	**Shawsheen Technical**	3,090,465	3,265,373	3,326,520	3,475,843
PUBLIC EDUCATION		31,588,845	34,019,170	35,737,108	37,539,370
610-5100	Personnel	325,371	353,962	386,747	393,227
610-5400	Supplies & Expenses	50,217	56,480	63,200	69,000
610-5200	Contract Services	48,030	51,941	53,400	55,900
610-5800	Capital Outlay	0	15,000	0	0
610-Total	**Public Library**	423,618	477,383	503,347	518,127
PUBLIC LIBRARY		423,618	477,383	503,347	518,127

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Dept.-Acct.		Spent FY95	Spent FY96	Budget FY97	Town Mgr. FY98
630-5100	Personnel	92,567	105,864	125,100	140,000
630-5400	Supplies & Expenses	3,681	4,121	12,435	34,460
630-5200	Contract Services	10,141	9,234	13,660	17,100
630-5800	Capital Outlay	0	0	0	20,000
630-Total	**Recreation Department**	106,389	119,219	151,195	211,560
RECREATION PROGRAMS		106,389	119,219	151,195	211,560
491-5100	Personnel	117,499	162,447	188,149	208,938
491-5130	Overtime	21,257	22,456	23,350	23,350
491-5400	Supplies & Expenses	9,211	9,772	11,885	11,885
491-5200	Contract Services	10,641	9,923	11,039	11,039
491-5800	Capital Outlay	21,734	694	1,000	1,000
491	Adjustments	(35,000)	(35,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)
491-Total	**Cemetery Department**	145,342	170,292	195,423	216,212
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT		145,342	170,292	195,423	216,212
710-7150	Town Debt-Principal	2,534,088	2,290,807	2,642,659	2,554,142
710-7160	School Debt-Principal	556,346	564,595	687,595	636,596
710-7550	Town Debt-Interest	1,065,187	874,640	1,020,356	1,182,191
710-7560	School Debt-Interest	162,542	167,028	167,300	128,022
710-7130	Temporary Borrowing	150,427	113,303	128,583	100,000
710-7170	Exempt 2.5 Principal	255,000	210,000	130,000	90,000
710-7570	Exempt 2.5 Interest	55,005	41,820	30,875	23,725
710-7580	New Debt Interest-Town	0	159,916	176,416	208,438
710-7590	New Debt Interest-School	0	20,055	0	0
DEBT SERVICE		4,778,595	4,442,164	4,983,784	4,923,114
910-7061	Town Report	6,009	5,715	7,000	7,000
910-7010	Town Building Insurance	258,386	147,612	245,000	230,000
910-7011	P/E Building Insurance	60,331	66,000	63,000	54,150
910-7012	T/G Group Insurance	1,238,892	1,555,265	1,753,000	1,805,590
910-7013	P/E Group Insurance	1,860,783	1,784,912	1,940,687	2,017,247
910-7067	Veterans' Stipends	200	600	800	800
910-7020	T/G Workers' Compensation	161,248	158,390	185,000	190,000
910-7021	P/E Workers' Compensation	267,424	314,631	258,000	286,500
910-7063	Reserve Funds	30,280	22,832	45,350	50,000
910-7051	Retirees Special Benefits	1,975	1,500	4,415	4,415
910-7030	T/G Unemployment	500	15,372	15,000	17,000
910-7031	P/E Unemployment	500	15,005	10,000	9,000
910-7051	T/G Police & Fire Medical	18,934	24,588	19,000	16,000
910-7062	T/G Audit	40,640	30,000	30,000	35,000
433-5285	Solid Waste	1,672,156	1,630,348	1,695,000	1,777,047
910-7042	T/G F.I.C.A.	53,721	86,451	90,000	95,000
910-7043	P/E F.I.C.A.	54,827	91,934	88,500	115,000

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Dept.-Acct.		Spent FY95	Spent FY96	Budget FY97	Town Mgr. FY98
910-7055	Telephone	82,003	76,045	84,000	85,000
910-7054	T/G Computer	116,240	111,022	85,000	81,000
910-7056	T/G General Office Supply	40,760	36,991	36,000	37,000
910-7058	T/G Maintenance & Repair	41,984	42,915	39,500	47,000
910-7057	T/G Building Cust. Supplies	9,958	9,562	12,000	11,000
910-7059	T/G Library Cleaning	15,875	10,627	12,000	11,000
910-7053	T/G Professional Training	7,670	9,726	9,000	17,500
910-7180	"1995" Retirements	72,255	64,975	22,660	45,600
910-7068	Parades/Yankee Doodle	2,924	10,150	11,000	11,000
910-7084	T/G Scholarship	1,219	1,250	1,000	2,000
910-7085	P/E Scholarship	1,250	1,250	1,000	2,000
910-7065	Abandoned Buildings	0	1,800	9,000	6,000
910-7064	B.P.A.A. Merit Wages	0	0	1,000	1,000
910-7037	Strategic Plan for Community	0	0	16,000	14,000
910	No. Midd. Council of Gov.	0	0	0	9,769
UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS		6,118,944	6,327,468	6,788,912	7,090,618
UNCLASSIFIED/DEBT SERVICE TOTAL					
School Account Only		2,964,003	3,025,410	3,216,082	3,248,515
Town Account Only (Minus Exempt)		7,933,536	7,744,222	8,556,614	8,652,492
Total (All)		10,897,539	10,769,632	11,772,696	11,900,007
Total P/E School Operating Budget		28,498,380	30,753,797	32,410,588	34,063,527
(Unclassified/Debt Service)		2,964,003	3,025,410	3,216,082	3,248,515
Total P/E School Budget (All Costs)		31,462,383	33,779,207	35,626,670	37,312,042
Total T/G Town Operating Budget		16,083,663	18,755,950	19,103,309	19,910,602
(Unclassified/Debt Service)		7,933,536	7,744,222	8,556,614	8,765,215
Total T/G Town Budget		24,017,199	26,500,172	27,659,923	28,675,817
(Minus Exclusion)				(160,875)	(113,725)
Total T/G Town Budget (All Costs)		24,017,199	26,500,172	27,499,048	28,562,092
Total Overall Budget P/E + T/G		55,479,582	60,279,379	63,125,718	65,874,134
Shawsheen School		3,090,465	3,265,373	3,326,520	3,475,843
Other Charges Raised on Recap Est.		3,642,954	4,046,077	3,734,744	3,893,544
Total		6,733,419	7,311,450	7,061,264	7,369,387
Total Operating/Unclassified/Debt		55,479,582	60,279,379	63,125,718	65,874,134
Shawsheen/Other Charges		6,733,419	7,311,450	7,061,264	7,369,387
Plus Debt Exclusion		286,186	226,561	160,875	113,725
Billerica FY Budget		62,499,187	67,817,390	70,347,857	73,357,246
FY 97 Warrant Art./FY 98 Prop. Art.				2,217,868	634,274
Total				72,565,725	73,991,520

SEE FISCAL YEAR 1998 BUDGET FOR AUTHORIZED BUDGET.

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $100,000 to fund the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Billerica and the International Association of Firefighters (I.A.F.F.);

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $75,000 to fund the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Billerica and the Billerica Municipal Employees Association (B.M.E.A.);

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $50,000 to fund the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Billerica and the Professional Administrators Association (B.P.A.A.);

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $50,000 to fund salary adjustments for non-union employees;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 35

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $50,000 to fund the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Billerica and the National Association of Government Employees (N.A.G.E.);

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED

ARTICLE 36

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $100,000 to fund the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Billerica and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers (I.B.P.O.);

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED 110 to 44

ARTICLE 37

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of $75,000 to pay prior years' bills;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED 115 to 25

ARTICLE 38

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $500,000 to fund deficits in the 1996/97 budget;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator and School Superintendent as authorized by the Board of Selectmen

SUBSTITUTE MOTION. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 39

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $310,000 from Account # 81524-4400 - Town Stabilization Account to:

Account No.		
292,5800	Dog Officer - Capital Outlay - one (1) van	$13,000
210,5800	Police Dept. - Capital Outlay - four (4) police cruisers	$92,000
220-5800	Fire Dept. - Capital Outlay - five (5) semi automatic defibrillators	$30,000
171-5800	Conservation Commission - one (1) Police Cruiser - Trade-in	$5,000
422-5800	DPW Highway - Capital Outlay - one (1) Dump Truck/Sander	$46,000
441-5800	DPW Wastewater - Capital Outlay - one (1) 4x4x3/4 ton pickup truck	$25,000
650-5800	DPW Tree, Park & Moth - Capital Outlay - one (1) 4x4x3/4 ton pickup truck	$25,000
452-5800	DPW Water Maintenance - Capital Outlay - one (1) one-ton dump truck	$27,000
630-5800	Recreation Dept. - Capital Outlay - one (1) van	$20,000
491-5800	Cemetery Department - Capital Outlay one (1) one-ton dump truck with plow	$27,000

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED 103 to 5

ARTICLE 40

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $750,000 for Town facility upgrades to be expended in addition to any available Federal and State Aid and any other aid available for the project. This aid shall be used to reduce the authorized borrowing amount prior to the issuance of bonds or notes under this vote;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED 115 to 1

ARTICLE 41

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow six million five hundred thousand dollars ($6,500,000) for the construction and engineering of approximately 8 to 10 miles of lateral sanitary sewer lines under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws to be expended in addition to any available Federal and State Aid and any other aid available for the project. This aid shall be used to reduce the authorized borrowing amount prior to the issuance of bonds or notes under this vote;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED 116 to 2

ARTICLE 42

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $200,000 for various drainage projects throughout the Town;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED

ARTICLE 43

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $135,000 to sewer a portion of Concord Road;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 44

To see if the Town will authorize the Town Administrator and approval by the Board of

Selectmen to negotiate and purchase a parcel of land and building for the Council on Aging;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator authorized by the Board of Selectmen

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 45

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $25,056 from Account # 27929-4000 (Wetlands Protection Fund) to Account # 17130-5200 Conservation Commission Contract Services to fund the hiring of a Conservation Assistant to aid the Conservation Commission in the administration and enforcement of the Mass. Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40);

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Billerica Conservation Commission.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 46

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all cost thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $200,000 and issue bonds or notes thereof under General Laws Chapter 111, Section 127B ½ and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that project and financing cost shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreements, but such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the town; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Mass. Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection, with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Health is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Health

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 47

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Sale of Lots Account # 27598-4000 the amount of $26,000 to the Cemetery Personnel Account # 49110-5110 for the purpose of funding temporary personnel;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Cemetery Commission

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 48

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum not to exceed $50,000 for repairs to the roof of the museum building;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Billerica Museum Committee, Gordon Brainerd, Chairman

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 49

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum not to exceed $2,000 for necessary repairs and upkeep to the Billerica Museum building;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Billerica Museum Committee, Gordon Brainerd, Chairman

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 50

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the

sum of $5,000 for the purpose of printing new copies of the Town of Billerica Charter;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Charter Review Commission, Larry Norman, Chairman

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 51

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of $50,000 to conduct a feasibility study and preliminary architectural drawings for the construction of a new Ditson Elementary School by the Ditson School Building Committee;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Ditson School Building Committee

CARRIED

ARTICLE 52

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, the sum of one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars to fund Account # 3500-4014, Police Detail Revolving Account, for the purpose of compliance with prior contractual agreements;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Martin E. Conway, Petitioner, and Messrs. Doyle, Zarro, Opland, Fraine, West, Pfaff, Barry, Katz and Madame Coneeny

CARRIED

ARTICLE 53

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the amount of $250,000 to fund the remodeling of the Heffernan Auditorium located in Billerica Memorial High School;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Christopher F. DeSimone, Petitioner, and Messrs. Hicks-Courant, Pearson, Griffin, Biagiotti, Hurd, Capaldo, Jr., and Madames DeSimone, Mahoney and Kammides

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 54

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow the sum of $10,513.53 to reimburse Joseph M. Dougherty for legal fees and expenses incurred as a result of the Billerica Board of Appeal acting in excess of its authority in a case decided on July 16, 1996, by the Appeals Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Docket # 95-P-1808, Joseph M. Dougherty v. Billerica Board of Appeals and Anthony R. & Mary Ann Passalaqua;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Joseph M. Dougherty, Petitioner, and Messrs. Swanberry, Loranger, Jr., Lavoie, Oles and Madames Thomas, Loranger, Loranger, Grady and Swift

CARRIED 75 to 73

ARTICLE 55

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $100,000 to be used for the purpose of designing and installing needed roadway improvements including a full set of traffic signals at the intersection of Whipple Road, Shawsheen Street and Andover Road;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Kenneth Walsh, Petitioner, and Messrs. McDonough, Johnson, Pacheco and Madames McDonough, DiMonte, Johnson, Wagner, Miller and Pacheco

LOST

ARTICLE 56

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Town Administrator, upon the request of a Department Head or Board or Commission, to make a transfer of funds between budget line items not to exceed a difference of $3,000 from the amount voted at Town Meeting per line item per the fiscal year with the exclusion of the travel accounts within the same department. Transfers within the department line items in excess of $3,000 per fiscal year must be approved by the Finance Committee. A written report from the Town Administrator on all transfers $3,000 and under must be provided to the Finance Committee on the first Tuesday of each month.

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Billerica Finance Committee

CARRIED

ARTICLE 57

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the free cash a sum of money to be applied to the fiscal year 1997-98 tax rate;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Billerica Finance Committee

DISMISSED

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof, one copy at the East Billerica Fire Station, one copy at the Ninety-Nine Restaurant, Lexington Road; one cop[y at the Pizza Hut, Boston Road; one copy at the Nutting Lake Post Office; one copy at the North Billerica Post Office; one copy at Jim's Automotive/Fahey's Gulf Station, Nashua Road; one copy at Market Basket, Towne Plaza; one copy at the Center Post Office, Boston Road; one copy at the Pinehurst Fire Station; one copy at the North Billerica Fire Station; one copy at the Town Hall, Boston Road; and one copy at the Billerica Public Library.

Given under our hands this 28th day of April, 1997.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:
James F. O'Donnell, Jr., Chairman
Edward J. Hurd, Vice-Chairman
Arthur L. Doyle, Secretary
Brion M. Cangiamila
Ellen Day Rawlings

A True Copy
ATTEST:
David R. Laskey
Constable, Town of Billerica

The Fiscal 1998 Budget, as authorized by Town Meeting:

FISCAL 1998 BUDGET

Account		Raise & Approp	Transfer	Total
122 -	**Board of Selectmen**			
	5110 - Personnel	56,431.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses *	7,700.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	8,560.00		
	5710 - Travel - In State	500.00		73,191.00
123 -	**Town Administrator**			
	5110 - Personnel	256,324.00		
	5120 - Permanent Part-Time	0.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	0.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	1,500.00		
	5226 - Car Allowance	2,400.00		260,224.00
135 -	**Town Accountant**			
	5110 - Personnel	145,514.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	1,000.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	4,000.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay	0.00		150,514.00

FISCAL 1998 BUDGET

Account		Raise & Approp	Transfer	Total
145 -	**Treasurer/Collector**			
	5110 - Personnel	314,339.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	20,000.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	46,515.00		
	5710 - Travel - In State	0.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay	0.00		
	5435 - Tax Rev. Collection	85,000.00		465,854.00
141 -	**Assessor**			
	5110 - Personnel	199,008.00		
	5120 - Permanent Part-Time	20,220.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	1,500.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	32,840.00		
	5218 - Legal Services	0.00		
	5226 - Car Allowance	1,500.00		255,068.00
161 -	**Town Clerk**			
	5110 - Personnel	145,381.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	175.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	3,880.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay	1,500.00		150,936.00
543 -	**Veterans Services**			
	5110 - Personnel	79,878.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	550.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	65.00		
	5226 - Car Allowance	900.00		
	5280 - Veteran's Benefits	255,000.00		336,393.00
192 -	**Town Hall**			
	5110 - Personnel	31,708.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	70,300.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	127,760.00		229,768.00
151 -	**Legal Department**			
	5110 - Personnel	0.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	142,500.00		142,500.00
163 -	**Board of Registrars**			
	5110 - Personnel	55,678.00		
	5130 - Overtiime	252.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	4,753.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	3,555.00		
	5800 - Capital/Outlay	1,000.00		65,238.00
162 -	**Election Department**			
	5110 - Personnel	13,709.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	600.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	8,680.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay	0.00		22,989.00

FISCAL 1998 BUDGET

Account		Raise & Approp	Transfer	Total
175 -	**Planning Board**			
	5110 - Personnel	87,169.00		
	5130 - Overtime	2,110.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	575.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	850.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay	2,585.00		93,289.00
176 -	**Board of Appeals**			
	5110 - Personnel	34,957.00		
	5130 - Overtime	1,800.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	200.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	100.00		37,057.00
131 -	**Finance Committee**			
	5120 - Permanent Part Time	1,673.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	50.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	1,460.00		3,183.00
171 -	**Conservation Commission**			
	5110 - Personnel	55,600.00		
	5120 - Permanent Part-Time	22,670.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	100.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	565.00		
	5226 - Car Allowance	0.00		78,935.00
541 -	**Council on Aging**			
	5120 - Permanent Part-Time	116,435.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	1,000.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	10,368.00		
	5250 - Utilities	700.00		
	5226 - Car Allowance	2,500.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay	3,900.00		134,903.00
691 -	**Historical Commission**			
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	100.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	500.00		600.00
561 -	**Disability Commission**			
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	500.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	500.00		
	5710 - Travel - In State	0.00		1,000.00
563 -	**Housing Partnership**			
	5150 - Temporary Employees	0.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	0.00		0.00
129 -	**Cable Advisory Committee**			
	5120 - Permanent/Part Time	500.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	25.00		525.00

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Account		Raise & Approp	Transfer	Total
210 -	**Police Department**			
	5110 - Personnel	3,758,435.00		
	5120 - Permanent Part-Time	0.00		
	5130 - Overtime	335,000.00		
	5140 - Longevity	6,725.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	171,660.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	114,995.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay	107,000.00		4,493,815.00
231 -	**Ambulance**			
	5110 - Personnel	341,758.00		
	5120 - Permanent Part-Time	0.00		
	5130 - Overtime	75,000.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	31,295.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	4,530.00		452,583.00
220 -	**Fire Department**			
	5110 - Personnel	3,686,600.00		
	5130 - Overtime	380,000.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	114,100.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	167,755.00		
	5250 - Utilities	60,000.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay *	195,731.00		4,604,186.00
291 -	**Emergency Management**			
	5110 - Personnel	7,746.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	12,000.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay	13,000.00		32,746.00
292 -	**Dog Officer**			
	5110 - Personnel	39,983.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	2,050.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	3,683.00		45,716.00
424 -	**Street Lighting**			
	5200 - Contract Services	202,656.00		202,656.00
241 -	**Building Department**			
	5110 - Personnel	336,917.00		
	5140 - Longevity	5,975.00		
	5150 - Temporary Employees	5,000.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	6,750.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	8,550.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay	1,200.00		
	5226 - Car Allowance	14,400.00		378,792.00
244 -	**Sealer of Weights**			
	5120 - Permanent Part Time	5,290.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	320.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	1,170.00		6,780.00

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Account		Raise & Approp	Transfer	Total
510 -	**Board of Health**			
	5110 - Personnel	150,020.00		
	5120 - Permanent Part-Time	33,212.00		
	5130 - Overtime	0.00		
	5140 - Longevity	950.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	904.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	9,202.00		
	5226 - Car Allowance	9,500.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay	0.00		203,788.00
522 -	**Public Health Nurses**			
	5110 - Personnel	37,825.00		
	5120 - Permanent Part-Time	0.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	1,750.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	1,900.00		
	5226 - Car Allowance	600.00		42,075.00
525 -	**Sanitation**			
	5120 - Perm. Part-Time	9,722.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	100.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	806.00		10,628.00
421 -	**Public Works Administrator**			
	5110 - Personnel	227,975.00		
	5130 - Overtime	500.00		
	5140 - Longevity	6,700.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	2,500.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	13,825.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay	0.00		251,500.00
410 -	**Public Works Engineer**			
	5110 - Personnel	192,142.00		
	5130 - Overtime	2,500.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	6,750.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay	10,000.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	3,000.00		214,392.00
422 -	**Highway Department**			
	5110 - Personnel	561,261.00		
	5130A - Overtime Regular	30,000.00		
	5130B - Overtime Snow	60,000.00		
	5140 - Longevity	0.00		
	5150 - Temporary Employees	16,000.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	166,777.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	135,000.00		
	5220 - Paving/Drainage	0.00		
	5278 - Snow & Sand	300,000.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay	0.00		1,269,038.00

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Account		Raise & Approp	Transfer	Total
441 -	**Sewer Department**			
	5110 - Personnel	754,691.00		
	5130 - Overtime	80,000.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	319,000.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	324,200.00		
	5250 - Utilities	275,000.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay	0.00		1,752,891.00
650 -	**Parks and Trees**			
	5110 - Personnel	126,199.00		
	5130 - Overtime	11,000.0		
	5150 - Temporary Employees	13,600.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	21,125.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	13,000.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay	20,000.00		204,924.00
492 -	**Motor Equipment**			
	5110 - Personnel	115,726.00		
	5130 - Overtime	22,500.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	145,175.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	25,000.00		
	5250 - Utilities	12,000.00		320,401.00
453 -	**Water Treatment**			
	5110 - Personnel	600,107.00		
	5130 - Overtime	68,000.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	275,500.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	80,000.00		
	5250 - Utilities	330,000.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay	0.00		1,353,607.00
452 -	**Water Maintenance**			
	5110 - Personnel	244,979.00		
	5130 - Overtime	60,000.00		
	5132 - Flushing Program	35,000.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	36,000.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	24,800.00		
	5226 - Car Allowance	0.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay	0.00		400,779.00
451 -	**Water Billing**			
	5110 - Personnel	93,246.00		
	5130 - Overtime	3,000.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	15,800.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	12,800.00		124,846.00

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Account		Raise & Approp	Transfer	Total
454 -	**Customer Assistance Section**			
	5110 - Personnel	40,772.00		
	5130 - Overtime	2,500.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	8,000.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	38,742.00		
	5226 - Car Allowance	0.00		90,014.00
300 -	**Billerica Schools Total**			34,063,532.00
310 -	**Shawsheen Technical**			
	5300 - Operating Costs	3,294,070.0 0		
	5800 - Capital Costs	172,225.00		3,466,295.00
610 -	**Public Library**			
	5110 - Personnel	197,244.00	9,428.00	
	5120 - Permanent Part Time	186,555.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	69,000.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	28,450.00		
	5250 - Utilities	27,050.00		
	5710 - Travel In-State	400.00		518,127.00
630 -	**Recreation Department**			
	5110 - Personnel	88,000.00		
	5120 - Permanent Part Time	52,000.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	17,100.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	31,500.00		
	5250 - Utilities	2,060.00		
	5710 - Travel In-State	900.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay	0.00		191,560.00
491 -	**Cemetery Department**			
	5110 - Personnel	208,938.00		
	5130 - Overtime	23,350.00		
	5400 - Supplies & Expenses	11,885.00		
	5200 - Contract Services	5,690.00		
	5250 - Utilities	4,425.00		
	5710 - Travel - In State	924.00		
	5800 - Capital Outlay	1,000.00		
	Adjustment	(40,000.00)		216,212.00
710 -	**Debt Service**			
	7150 - Town Debt - Principal	2,554,142.00		
	7160 - School Debt - Principal	636,596.00		
	7550 - Town Debt - Interest	1,182,191.00		
	7560 - School Debt - Interest	128,022.00		
	7580 - New Debt Interest - Town	208,438.00		
	7590 - New Debt Interest - School	0.00		
	7130 - Temporary Borrowing	100,000.00		

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Account		Raise & Approp	Transfer	Total
	7170 - Exempt 2.5 Principal	90,000.00		
	7570 - Exempt 2.5 Interest	23,725.00		4,923,114.00
	Unclassified Accounts			
910 -	7010 - Town Building Insurance	230,000.00		
	7011 - School Building Insurance	54,150.00		
	7012 - Town Group Insurance	1,805,590.00		
	7013 - School Group Insurance	2,017,247.00		
	7020 - Town Workers Comp.	190,000.00		
	7021 - School Workers Comp.	286,500.00		
	7030 - Town Unemployment Comp.	17,000.00		
	7031 - School Unemployment Comp.	9,000.00		
	7040 - FICA - Town	95,000.00		
	7041 - FICA - School	115,000.00		
	7055 - Town Telephone Service	85,000.00		
	7054 - T/G Computer	81,000.00		
	7056 - T/G General Office Supplies	37,000.00		
	7058 - T/G Maintenance & Repair	47,000.00		
	7057 - T/G Custodial Supplies	11,000.00		
	7059 - Professional Cleaning Service	11,000.00		
	7053 - Professional Training	17,500.00		
	7037 Community Strat. Plan	14,000.00		
433 -	5285 - Solid Waste	1,777,047.00		
910 -	7067 - VFW-P, DAV, VFW-S	800.00		
	7050 - Connell/Strunk/Husson	4,415.00		
	7051 - Police & Fire Medical Exam	16,000.00		
	7068 - Memorial Day/Homecoming	11,000.00		
	7061 - Town Report	7,000.00		
	7062 - Town Audit	35,000.00		
	7063 - Reserve Fund	50,000.00		
	7080 - 1995 Retirements	45,600.00		
	7084 - T/G Scholarship	2,000.00		
	7085 - P/E Scholarship	2,000.00		
	7065 - Abandoned Buildings	6,000.00		
	901 - No. Mid. Council of Gov.	9,769.00		
	7064 - Professional BPAA Merit Wages	1,000.00		7,090,618.00
	BUDGET TOTAL		69,427,782.00	
	Total Amount to be Raised and Appropriated		69,418,354.00	
	Amount to be Transferred		9,428.00	
	TOTAL BUDGET		**69,427,782.00**	

FALL TOWN MEETING
October 7, 1997
Maurice A. Buck Memorial Auditorium
First Session — October 7, 1997

Dorothy Callihan, Richard White, Karen Miller and Orin Hunt were appointed and sworn in as Tellers.

Prior to the start of Town Meeting, caucuses were held in Precincts 1, 4, 5, 8 and 10. Precinct 1 voted to remove Clifford Critch as a Town Meeting Member for non-attendance. Precinct 4 elected Tom McCaffrey, 32 Andover Road, to fill the vacancy; Precinct 5 voted to remove Arnold Ventresca as a Town Meeting Member for non-attendance; Precinct 8 elected Charlene McCarthy, 52 Gail Ann Drive, to fill a vacancy; Precinct 10 voted to remove Kerry Cooke as a Town Meeting Member for non-attendance.

A quorum count was requested. With one hundred forty-eight (148) Town Meeting Members present, the meeting was declared in session at 7:35 p.m.

The Rev. Peggy Howell of St. Ann's Episcopal Church gave the invocation which was followed by the Billerica Special Musical Ensemble singing the National Anthem.

Selectman Doyle presented a savings bond to Billerica Memorial High School student Paul Pascucci for submitting the winning artistic entry which appeared on the cover of the 1996 Town Report.

It was moved, seconded and VOTED to accept the warrant as duly served by the Constable.

It was moved, seconded and VOTED to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

WARRANT FOR
1997 ANNUAL FALL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 1997

Middlesex, ss.

To Any Constable in the Town of Billerica

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Maurice A. Buck Memorial Auditorium, Town Hall, 365 Boston Road, Billerica, MA, Tuesday, October 7, 1997, at 7:30 p.m. and subsequent Thursdays and Tuesdays until all of the business in the Warrant shall have been acted upon, then and there to vote on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1

To hear and act upon reports of Town Officers and Committees heretofore appointed;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager under the authority of the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to appoint one (1) member of the Bower's Fund for a five (5) year term;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager under the authority of the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to amend the budget adopted in the Spring Session of the Town Meeting which was prepared pursuant to Article 5 of the Billerica Home Rule Charter and represents the line item budget for fiscal 1997-98 (FY98);

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager under the authority of the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will transfer the sum of $2,000 from Account # 12210-5100 Selectmen's Salary Account to Account # 42220-5400 Highway Department Supplies and Expenses;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager under the authority of the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $20,000 to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Billerica and the Billerica Professional Administrators Association;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager under the authority of the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $75,000 to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Billerica and the Billerica Municipal Employees Association (B.M.E.A.);

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager under the authority of the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $100,000 to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Billerica and the International Association of Firefighters (I.A.F.F.);

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager under the authority of the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED 82 to 74

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $5,000 to pay previous year's bills;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager under the authority of the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of $500,000 to be placed in Account # 81524-4400, Town Stabilization Account;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager under the authority of the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of $40,000 to be added to Account # 49110-5110, Cemetery Department - Full time salaries;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager/Cemetery Department

CARRIED

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen in consultation with the Town Manager to acquire a parcel of land by gift, purchase or eminent domain more fully described on Assessor's Plan as Map 17, Parcel 43-1 and Map 23, Parcel 34-4 for the purposes of relocating the current D.P.W. garage facilities and furthermore, to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of $500,000 to complete this purchase;

or to do or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager authorized by the Board of Selectmen

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of $100,000 to fund the Police Department Revolving Account for grant matching funds;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager authorized by the Board of Selectmen

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of $25,000,000 for engineering and design for construction of a new potable Water Treatment Plant for the Town of Billerica as well as the replacement and rehabilitation of the existing Water Treatment Facility and all other related costs incidental to this project and furthermore that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow $25,000,000 under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 8 and that the Board of Selectmen are further authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for the project; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager authorized by the Board of Selectmen

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Sewer Facilities Expansion Fund previously established for the Sewer Treatment Plant expansion, the sum of $175,000 for the purpose of the design and purchase of trommel screening equipment in the existing plant. The purpose of this equipment and/or modifications to the plant is to more effectively process sludge and compost residual materials. This expenditure may be reduced by any funds received as grants or reimbursements from any state or federal agency under the provisions of Mass. General Laws;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Sewer Facilities Expansion Fund previously established for sewer inflow and infiltration reduction, the sum of $250,000 for the purpose of engineering studies and construction of repairs to the sewer collection system. The purpose of these repairs is to reduce the levels of inflow and/or infiltration to the collection system. This expenditure may be reduced by any funds received as grants or reimbursements from any state or federal agency under the provisions of Mass. General Laws;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager authorized by the Board of Selectmen

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum not to exceed $120,000 for the design and construction of one (1) competition grade senior league baseball field at the Marshall Middle School and one (1) competition grade girls' softball field at the Billerica Memorial High School;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Edward J. Hurd, Selectman, and the Senior Baseball and Softball Field Committee

CARRIED

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the

amount of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) into Account # 24130-5220 for the purpose of demolishing Town-owned property that has been condemned by appropriate officials of the Town;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Ruthanne Bossi, Inspector of Buildings/John Morris, Board of Health Director

CARRIED

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to approve a Certified Project Application submitted by Welch's Cooperative, 749 Middlesex Turnpike, for a facility located within the Middlesex Turnpike North Economic Opportunity Area (EAO) in Billerica, MA and more specifically described on Assessor's Map 96, Parcel 157 (Revised 1/16/96). Said approval will provide local and state tax relief to promote economic development in accordance with G.L. c23A, ss3A-3H. In addition, the Project Certification confirms:

A) The project, as proposed, is consistent with and can reasonably be expected to benefit significantly from inclusion as a Certified Project.

B) The project, as described in the Project Certification Application, will increase employment opportunities for the residents of Billerica by allowing for continued growth and expansion of facilities in the Economic Opportunity Area.

C) The Town requests that this project be designated as a Certified Project for a term of not less than five (5) years or more than twenty (20) years duration;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to approve a Certified Project Application submitted by C. A. Reality Corporation (Curriculum Associates), 153 Rangeway Road, for a facility located within the Treble Cove Road Economic Opportunity Area (EOA) in Billerica, MA and more specifically described on Assessor's Map 29-14-2 (Revised 1/16/96). Said approval will provide local and state tax relief to promote economic development in accordance with G.L. c23A, ss3A-3H. In addition, the Project Certification confirms:

A) The project, as proposed, is consistent with and can reasonably be expected to benefit significantly from inclusion as a Certified Project.

B) The project, as described in the Project Certification Application, will increase employment opportunities for the residents of Billerica by allowing for continued growth and expansion of facilities in the Economic Opportunity Area.

C) The Town requests that this project be designated as a Certified Project for a term of not less than five (5) years or more than twenty (20) years duration;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to approve a Certified Project Application submitted by Bruce Technologies International (B.T.I.), 25 Esquire Road, for a facility located within the Treble Cove Road Economic Opportunity Area (EOA) in Billerica, MA and more specifically described on Assessor's Map Parcel ID 39-33 (Revised 1/16/98). Said approval will provide local and state tax relief to promote economic development in accordance with G.L. c23A, ss3A-3H. In addition, the Project Certification confirms:

A) The project, as proposed, is consistent with and can reasonably be expected to benefit significantly from inclusion as a Certified Project.

B) The project, as described in the Project Certification Application, will increase employment opportunities for the residents of Billerica by allowing

for continued growth and expansion of facilities in the Economic Opportunity Area.

C) The Town requests that this project be designated as a Certified Project for a term of not less than five (5) years or more than twenty (20) years duration;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager authorized by the Board of Selectmen.

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revolving Fund, under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for those revenues received from Medicaid and Health Insurance Companies for children enrolled in the BEAM Program;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Billerica School Committee

CARRIED

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, not to exceed $410,000 to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Billerica School Committee and the Billerica Federation of Teachers, Local 1677, MFT, AFT, AFL-CIO;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Billerica School Committee

CARRIED

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, not to exceed $28,000, to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Billerica School Committee and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 2747, Custodian Employees;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Billerica School Committee

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, not to exceed $10,000, to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Billerica School Committee and the Billerica Federation of Teachers, Local 1677, American Federation of Teachers AFL-CIO Paraprofessionals;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Billerica School Committee;

CARRIED

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, not to exceed $17,000, to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Billerica School Committee and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 2747, Clerical Employees;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Billerica School Committee

CARRIED

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, not to exceed $28,000, to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Billerica School Committee and the Billerica Administrator's Group affiliated with the Massachusetts Association of Professional School Administrators;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Billerica School Committee

CARRIED

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, not to exceed $28,000, for Billerica School Budget for wage adjustments for non-union personnel;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Billerica School Committee

CARRIED

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or borrow $19,000,000 (19 million dollars) for the purpose of acquiring a parcel of land as the site for the new Ditson Elementary School, and for site preparation, design, construction, equipment and furnishing of such school, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for such purpose as authorized by the General Laws, Chapter 44, Paragraph 7 (3), or any other general or special law, provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion referendum under General Laws Chapter 59, paragraph 21C (k);

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Ditson School Building Committee

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or borrow $19,000,000 (nineteen million dollars) for the purpose of acquiring a parcel of land as the site for the new Ditson Elementary School, and for site preparation, design, contraction, equipment and furnishing of such school, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for such purposes as authorized by the General Laws, Chapter 44, paragraph 7 (3), or any other general or special law;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Ditson School Building Committee

CARRIED 97 to 61

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a portion of Hampstead Avenue and abandon any interest the Town may have in such street, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any actions necessary to carry out this article;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Selectman Arthur L. Doyle

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue that portion of Hattie Lane, resulting from the extension of the roadway through the old cul-de-sac, creating a semicircular area of land no longer used, as shown on the attached plan and so as to leave a minimum of 50 feet wide right of way and abandon any interest the Town may have in such street and authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any action necessary to carry out this article;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Billerica Planning Board

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to disband the Town Forest Committee and designate the Conservation Commission to manage and care for the Town Forest;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Billerica Conservation Committee

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the jurisdiction of the Town Forest properties to the Billerica Conservation Commission;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Billerica Conservation Committee

CARRIED

ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court for authorization to refund the property tax payments paid by Billerica Little League in fiscal year 1996 and fiscal year 1997;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by William Greene, Petitioner, and Messrs. Griffin, Boutwell, DeLosh, Norman, Nestor, Cotreau, Marchant, Price and Trant

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 35

To see if the Town will vote to amend Artile IV of the By-Laws of the Town by adding Section 7 as follows:

7. Repair/Improvement of Unaccepted Ways

7.1 Upon the petition of at least seventy-five percent of the owners abutting an unaccepted street, with each ownership entity to count as one petitioner, the Board of Selectmen may, if the Board determines that public necessity requires the repair or reconstruction of said street, expend funds appropriated for the repair or reconstruction of such streets including drainage improvements, if needed, provided the following requirements are met:

7.2 Such streets must be repaired or reconstructed to standards acceptable by the Department of Public Works.

7.3 A betterment assessment must be assessed for one hundred percent (100%) of the total cost to the Town of the project.

7.4 Prior to any expenditure by the Town on construction, the owners of all land abutting on the way shall; (i) release the Town from all liability in connection with the project; (ii) agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Town from all claims of injury or damage by third parties; and (iii) grant to the town and its agents, contractors and employees a license to enter the street to perform the project.

7.5 The street must have been open to the public for at least 20 years and, after construction of the project, the street shall remain open to public use for at least twenty (20) years.

7.6 Assessments shall be made either by a uniform unit method, with each unit equal to an existing or potential lot fronting on the street, or on the basis of lineal frontage of each lot on the street, choice of method to be made by the Board of Selectmen.

7.7 A corner or "through" lot having both adequate frontage and access on another street shall not be assessed unless such lot has sufficient area and frontage on the street to be improved, that an additional lot or lots fronting on such street could be created;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED, WITH AMENDMENT

ARTICLE 36

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by making the following changes and additions:

Add a new section 5.7.2.CC to read:

CC. Wireless Communication Facility

Add a new section 5.7.3.CC to read:

CC. Wireless Communication Facility (see Section 5.17)

Add a new section 5.17 to read:

5.17 WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY

A. Purpose

1. The purpose of these regulations is to minimize the adverse impacts from the provision of wireless communication services to adjacent areas and residential neighborhoods by minimizing the number and height of associated facilities to only what is necessary and by promoting the sharing of existing or new facilities.

B. Definitions:

1. "Wireless Communication Facility, WCF, shall mean wireless communication monopoles with antennas, antennas attached to existing structures and associated accessory structures, if any, which facilitate the provision of wireless communication services.

"Wireless Communication Services," WCS, shall mean the provision of the following types of services: cellular telephone service, personal communications and enhanced specialized mobile radio service.

C. General Requirements

1. WCFs shall be allowed in all zones by special permit except that only antennas attached to existing nonresidential structures shall be allowed in residential districts. The special permit granting authority for this section shall be the Zoning Board of Appeals. Besides the objectives set out under Section 17.2 of these by-laws, any such proposal shall meet the approval criteria set out under this section.

2. Only free standing monopoles, with associated antennas and/or panels are allowed as specified in the definition. Lattice style towers and similar facilities requiring three or more legs and/or guy wires for support are not allowed.

3. All structures shall be removed within two (2) years of cessation of use at the owner's expense.

4. Any proposed extension in the height, addition of cells, antenna or panels, or construction of a new or replacement of an existing facility shall be subject to a new application for a Special Permit.

D. Application Process: The applicant shall follow the application process set forth under Section 17.2.A of these by-laws and shall submit complete documentation so as to demonstrate compliance with this section.

E. Approval Criteria:

1. Regardless of the yard setbacks established in the applicable district, monopoles shall be set back from all property lines at least the height of the monopole structure as measured from the base of said structure. There shall be no exception from this provision.

2. No monopole including the antenna attached thereto shall exceed 85 feet in height. This provision supersedes any conflicting height limits found elsewhere in this by-law.

3. Antennas or panels which are located on non-residential structures shall be mounted so as to be less than 15 feet in height above the roof-line of the structure.

4. All monopoles and associated antennas and appurtenances shall be painted or treated so as to blend in with the landscape and/or the structure on which they are located.

5. All WCFs shall be sited so as to minimize visibility from abutting

streets and nearby buildings and to limit the need to remove existing vegetation.

6. WCFs shall be designated to accommodate as many users as is feasible so as to reduce the number of facilities which will be needed in the surrounding service area.

F. Exemptions: The following types of wireless communication facilities are exempt from the provisions of this section of the by-law.

1. Amateur radio towers used in accordance with the terms of any amateur radio service license issued by the FCC provided that the tower is not licensed for any commercial purposes.

2. Facilities used for the purposes set forth in MGL c40A, Section 3;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Ellen Day Rawlings, Board of Selectmen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, AS AMENDED. ADDED "COMMERCIAL"

ARTICLE 37

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 140, Section 147A as amended by Chapter 308 of the Acts of 1985. Said provision to become effective as the 1998 Dog Licensing period. (Acceptance of this Statute will allow the withdrawal from the County Dog System.)

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 38

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VII "Animals" of the General By-Laws as follows:

1. Change the title of subsection 2 to read "2 - REGULATION OF DOGS"

2. Amend Section 2.1 by adding a new subsection G to read as follows:

2.1 (G) License period: The license period shall be from January 1 of each year to December 31 of the same year.

And further to amend Section 2 by deleting Section 2.11 and 2.12 and replacing with new subsections 2.11 through 2.19 to read as follows:

2. REGULATION OF DOGS

2.1 Definition of Terms:

A. Animal Shelter: Any premises designated by Town Administrative authority for the purpose of impounding and caring for animals held under authority of this By-Law.

B. Canine Control Officer: Any person or persons appointed by the Town Manager with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, as the Dog Officer or Officers under the provisions of Chapter 140, Sections 151 and 151A of the General Laws to carry out the provisions of this By-Law.. In the absence or vacancy in the office or unavailability of the Canine Control Officer, the Town's Inspector of Animals or his deputy shall perform the duties of the Canine Control Officer(s).

C. Dog: All animals or canine species, both male and female.

D. Owner and/or Keeper: Any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog as defined herein.

E. Restraint: A dog shall be deemed to be under restraint if accompanied by a competent and responsible person who shall have the dog under control by holding it firmly on a leash no greater than six (6) feet in length.

Amended: AFTM 10/4/83, Art. 32; Eff. 12/30/83

F. Veterinary Hospital: An establishment maintained and operated by a licensed veterinarian for the boarding of animals or the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and injuries of animals.

2.2 Restraint of Dogs

No person shall own, keep or harbor in the Town of Billerica, outside the confines of the owner's property (meaning owned, rented or leased), any dog which is not held firmly on a leash, no longer than six (6) feet, by a person shall have control of such a dog. All persons keeping, owning or having possession, charge, custody of any dog shall confine such dog on their own premises by means of a leash, tether, run or enclosure.

Amended: AFTM 10/4/83, Art. 32; Eff. 12/30/83

2.3 Unrestrained Dogs

Unrestrained dogs will be taken by the canine control officer and impounded in an animal shelter, and there confined in a humane manner. A police officer at his or her discretion may impound the dog. If by an identification tag or by other means the owner can be identified, the canine control officer shall immediately upon impoundment notify the owner or impoundment of the animal.

2.4 Reclaiming Impounded Dogs

An owner reclaiming an impounded dog shall pay an administrative fee of $15.00 plus $4.00 boarding charge for each day that the dog has been impounded, to a total maximum payment of $35.00.

2.5 Female Dogs

Every female dog in heat shall be confined in a building or secured enclosure in such a manner that such female dog cannot come into contact with another animal except for planned breeding. The canine control officer shall have the power to enforce a regulation to eliminate what he may deem to be a nuisance.

2.6 Nuisances

No owner shall fail to exercise proper care and control of his or her dog to prevent said dog from becoming a public nuisance. Excessive or untimely barking, molesting passerby, chasing vehicles, habitually attacking people or other domestic animals, trespassing upon private property in such manner as to damage property shall be deemed a nuisance.

2.7 Quarantining of Dog That Bites

Any dog which bites a person shall be quarantined for ten days if ordered by the Inspector of Animals. During quarantine, the dog shall be securely confined and kept from contact with any other animal by confinement indoors. At the discretion of the Inspector of Animals, the quarantine may be on the premises of the owner. If the Inspector of Animals requires other confinement, the owner shall surrender the animal for the quarantine period to an animal shelter or shall, at his own expense, place it in a veterinary hospital.

2.8 Animals Suspected of Being Rabid

No police officer or other person shall kill, or cause to be killed, any animal suspected of being rabid, except after the animal has been placed in quarantine and the diagnosis of rabies made by a licensed veterinarian. If a veterinarian diagnoses rabies in an animal in quarantine, then the animal shall be humanely killed and the head of such animal sent to a laboratory for pathological examination and confirmation of diagnosis.

2.9 Any Canine Control Officer shall have police powers in the enforcement of this by-law and no person shall interfere with, hinder, molest or

abuse any Canine Control Officer in the exercise of such powers.

2.10 Vaccination

Every owner and keeper of a dog more than six months old shall cause said dog to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian with anti-rabies vaccine, prior to the date of application for a dog license for said dog. Application for each annual dog license shall be accompanied by written proof of vaccination of the dog against rabies, and if applicable, a spaying or neutering certificate for dog being licensed for the first time.

2.11 Licensing

A. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck or body a collar or harness of leather or other suitable material, to which shall be securely attached a tag in a form prescribed by and issued by the Town Clerk when a license is issued. Such tag shall state the following: (a) Town of Billerica, (b) year of issue, and (c) tag number. If any such tag is lost, the owner or keeper of such dog shall forthwith secure a substitute tag from the Town Clerk at a cost of one dollar. This section shall not apply where it is otherwise provided by law, nor shall it apply to a person having a kennel license.

B. Kennel License

1. Any person maintaining a kennel shall have a kennel license.

2. Any person who meets the requirements of the Billerica Zoning By-Laws, and MGL, Chapter 140, Section 137A, may obtain a Kennel License from the Town Clerk on a form prescribed and supplied by the Town Clerk and for a fee as set out in Section 2.11.C of this By-Law.

3. The Chief of Police or Canine Control Officer may at any reasonably time inspect or cause to be inspected any kennel and if, in their or his judgment, the same is not being maintained in a sanitary and humane manner, or if records are not properly kept as required by law, shall file with the Selectmen a petition setting forth the facts, and the Selectmen shall upon this petition, or upon a petition of twenty-five citizens, setting forth that they are aggrieved, or annoyed to an unreasonable extent, by one or more dogs at a kennel maintained in Town, because of excessive barking or vicious disposition of said dogs or other conditions connected with such kennel constituting a public nuisance, said Selectmen, within seven days after the filing of such petition, shall give notice to all parties in interest of a public hearing to be held within fourteen days after the date of such notice. Within seven days after such public hearing, said Selectmen shall make and order either revoking or suspending such kennel license or otherwise regulating said kennel, or dismissing said petition. Within ten days after such order, the holder of such license may bring a petition in the District Court as outlined in MGL, Chapter 140, Section 137C. Any person maintaining a kennel after the license therefore has been so revoked, or while such license is so suspended, shall be punished as set forth in Section 2.12.

4. The provisions of MGL, Chapter 140, Section 137D shall be expressly incorporated herewith and shall henceforth apply under this By-Law.

C. License Fees

The fee for every dog licensed shall be as follows:

Six Dollars ($6.00)	for every neutered male dog
Six Dollars ($6.00)	for every spayed female dog
Ten Dollars ($10.00)	for every male and female dog

The fee for every kennel license shall be as follows:

Twenty Dollars ($20.00)	for 4 dogs or less
Forty Dollars ($40.00)	for every kennel license for over 4 but not over 10 dogs
Seventy-five Dollars ($75.00)	for every kennel license for over 10 dogs

Period for purchasing a dog license shall be January 1st to March 10th. After that date, a late penalty charge of Ten Dollars ($10.00) shall be added to the license fee.

2.12 Canine Control Officer

The Town Manager shall appoint a Canine Control Officer and as many Assistant Canine Control Officers as he/she determines necessary to enforce this By-Law and perform such other duties as the Selectmen may determine. The Selectmen shall determine hours and conditions of work for the Canine Control Officers. Compensation for persons appointed under this By-Law shall be consistent with other By-Laws dealing with salaries of appointed officials. The provisions of MGL Chapter 140, Section 151 and 151A regarding killing and/or transfer of any dog(s) shall apply and are expressly incorporated in this By-Law. No Canine Control Officer shall be a licensed animal dealer registered with the United States Department of Agriculture and no Canine Control Officer, either privately or in the course of carrying out his official assignments as an agent for this Town, or shall any other agent of the Town, give, sell, or turn over any animal which may come into his custody to any business or institute licensed or registered as a research facility or animal dealer with the United States Department of Agriculture. Whoever violates the provisions of this paragraph shall be punished as provided in MGL, Chapter 140, Section 151.

2.13 Emergency Treatment

Any veterinarian registered under the provisions of Section fifty-five or fifty-six A of Chapter one hundred and twelve of MGL who provides emergency treatment of a dog or cat that is injured on any public way in Billerica shall receive in lieu of payment from the County Dog Fund as allowed in MGL, Chapter 140, Section 151B, payment from the Dog Fund provided under this By-Law. All other provisions of MGL, Chapter 140, Section 151B shall be incorporated herein under this By-Law.

2.14 Damage Caused by Dogs

Whoever suffers loss in a manner described in MGL, Chapter 140, Section 161 shall inform the Canine Control Officer of such loss, who shall investigate the circumstances of said loss. In the event it is found that the damage was caused by a dog and the estimate of damages by the Canine Control Officer is less than $50, he shall submit a report to the Board of Selectmen. If the estimate is over $50, he shall have the damage appraised on oath, by three persons, one person appointed by the Canine Control Officer, one appointed by the person alleged to

be damaged, and one appointed by the other two. Said appraisers shall act as outlined in MGL Chapter 140, Section 161 and turn in said appraisal to the Board of Selectmen who may authorize payment, or make such independent investigation as they think proper and shall issue an order upon the Town Treasurer for any amount as they decide to be just and shall notify all interested parties of their decision. The appraisers shall receive payment from the Town in a manner as is authorized in MGL, Chapter 140, Section 161. All funds expended under this section shall come from the Dog Fund. The Selectmen may appoint a temporary investigator in any case that the Board believes in its reasonable discretion requires further investigation, and if said investigator believes that the evidence is sufficient to sustain an action against the owner or keeper of the dog, he shall recommend to the Board of Selectmen that said action be brought, unless the owner or keeper before action brought pays him such amount in settlement of the damages as he deems reasonable. After the recommendation of the investigator, the Selectmen may order that action shall be brought in his own name or in the name of the Town of Billerica or both, as the Selectmen determine.

If the Selectmen determine, after notice to parties interested and a hearing, who is the owner or keeper of any dog which is found to have worried, maimed or killed any livestock or fowl, thereby causing damages for which their owner may become entitled to compensation from the Dog Fund under this By-Law, they shall serve upon the owner or keeper or such dog a notice directing him within twenty-four hours to kill such dog or thereafter keep it on his premises or under the immediate restraint and control of some person, shall be punished as provided in MGL, Chapter 140, Section 164, and any Police Officer, Constable or Canine Control Officer may kill such dog if it is found outside of the enclosure of its owner or keeper and not under his immediate care.

The Board of Selectmen, or their agents thereto authorized in writing, may, after written notice to the owner or keeper, enter upon the premises of the owner or keeper of any dog known to them to have worrie3d or killed livestock or fowls, and then and there kill such dog, unless such owner or keeper whose premises are thus entered for the said purpose shall give a bond, with sufficient sureties, approved by the Board of Selectmen as set forth in Section 3.B.1 of this By-Law.

The Town, and the Town's agents, servants, employees and/or elected officials obligations and liability hereunder shall be limited to one hundred dollars ($100.00) per animal, and five hundred dollars ($500.00) per residence, per fiscal year. This shall not limit the Town's remedies and rights to seek compensation in excess of said amount, pursuant to this By-Law. The owner or keeper of a dog which has done damage to livestock and fowls shall be liable in tort to the Town for all damages so done in which the Town has been requested to pay as provided by MGL, Chapter 140 or by this By-Law. Such action may be brought by the Board of Selectmen, or by a temporary investigator as authorized in this by-law.

2.15 Dog Fund

There shall be a Dog Fund established by the Town under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E of Massachusetts General Laws which shall be used to make purchases necessary to administer this By-Law and to pay any expenses relating to this By-Law or for any other costs that Massachusetts

General Laws require to be paid from the County Dog Fund. Said fund shall be administered by the Town Accountant and may receive funds from usual municipal financing methods and from any fees or fines collected under this By-Law. The Board of Selectmen determine a maximum amount that shall stay in said fund, with all additional funds being turned into the General Fund.

The Board of Selectmen may determine certain salaries or expenses that may not be funded with this fund but must be appropriated through the usual municipal financing procedure, and such determination shall be binding on this administration of this fund by the Town Accountant.

2.16 Massachusetts General Laws Incorporated Into This By-Law

The provisions of the following sections of Chapter 140 of Massachusetts General Laws shall be incorporated into and apply to this By-Law; Section 145B, 149, 155, 155A, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161A, 168, 174A, 174B and 174D.

2.17 Effective Implementation Date of This By-Law

This By-Law shall go into effect on December 31, 1997, and until said date, all areas of Massachusetts General Laws and Article VII of the General By-Laws of the Town of Billerica shall remain in effect.

2.18 Penalty

A violation or breach of any one of the above noted subsections shall be punishable as follows and will not be considered criminal under this article:

$25.00 for the first violation
$50.00 for the second violation
$50.00 for each subsequent violation or surrender of the dog.

Complaints will be sought in a District Court according to Chapter 140, Section 173A of the General Laws.

Amended: ATM 5/6/86, Art. 30, eff 8/6/86; AFTM 10/3/89, Art. 36, eff. 3/1/90

2.19 If Parts of By-Law Invalid

If any part of this By-Law shall be held invalid, such part shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this By-Law. No provision or interpretation of a provision of this By-Law is intended to be either in conflict with, or an attempt to change, any statutory provision in MGL Chapter 140 pertaining to dogs except as authorized by General Laws Chapter 140;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager authorized by the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, WITH AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE 39

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws, Article II, Section 6, subsection 6.3 - Committee of Ombudsmen - by changing the term of office to read: "...for a term of three years each so arranged that as nearly an equal number of such terms of office as is possible shall expire each year.";

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Shirley Schult, Town Clerk

CARRIED

ARTICLE 40

To see if the Town will vote to establish a study committee to examine the provisions of the Sign By-Laws with respect to multiple tenant shopping center signage. This committee shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and shall consist of nine members. One from a nominee from each of the following: Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, the Billerica Plan and the Billerica Chamber of Commerce; three at-large property owners and the Building Inspector;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Planning Board

CARRIED, WITH AMENDMENT

ARTICLE 41

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws, Article 1, Section 6, subsection 6.1 Availability, first sentence, by adding after the words "pursuant to collective bargaining" the words "including the current pay schedule, the proposed pay schedule to include step increases and longevity," so that the sentence will now read:

6.1 Availability: Copies of all contracts, in their entirety, entered into with employees of the Town pursuant to collective bargaining, including the current pay schedule, the proposed pay schedule to include step increases and longevity, shall be made available to the following persons at least seven (7) days before the Town Meeting is to vote on the question of appropriating funds to implement the said agreements.

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Anthony Tufts, Petitioner, and Messrs. Roy, Rosa, MacMillan, Bradley, Gabalis, and Madames Pearson, Roy, MacMillan and Symes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 42

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken under Article #7 of the 1997 Spring Town Meeting which amended the General By-Law, Article 4 by adding subsection 7 which reads as follows:

General By-Laws: Underground Utilities, Streets and Sidewalks

Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, their agents and employees, who has been granted, or may be granted, any license, permission or other authority to construct or maintain poles and overhead wires and associated overhead structures upon, along, under or across any public way or ways, is forbidden from installing or constructing and shall remove immediately any poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures which are located on, along and across from the Center Mall to Good Street, Concord Road from River Street to Charnstaffe Lane, Cummings Street from Concord Road to Boston Road;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Michael Rosa, Petitioner, and Messrs. Cangiamila and Bradbury and Madames Rosa, Ricigliano, Pearson, Rogers DeWallace, MacMillan and Symes

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 43

To see if the Town will vote to add to the General By-Laws Article 8 - Public Utilities - a new Section 5 to read as follows:

5. Fire Hydrants

5.1 Maintenance: All fire hydrants in the Town of Billerica will be maintained as follows on a yearly basis; exercising and immediate replacement or repair of all non-functioning hydrants, lubricating all hydrants bi-yearly, removal of growth or debris from around the hydrant as necessary.

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Michael Rosa, Petitioner, and Messrs. Cangiamila, Bradbury and Madames Rosa, Ricigliano, Pearson, Rogers, DeWallace, MacMillan and Symes.

CARRIED 71 to 63

ARTICLE 44

To see if the Town of Billerica will disband the Historic District Commission, established in 1973 by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 372, Acts of 1960 and re-established in 1988 by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with MGL 40 C, Section 4 and in 1990 being known as the Billerica Historic Committee;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Robert Norman and Messrs. Caraco, Morgan, Haviland, Doherty, Norman and Madames Norman, Margeson, Cletz and Smith

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 45

To see if the Town of Billerica will remove the parcel of land known as 14/16 Andover Road in Billerica, MA, Map 51, Parcel 33 from the Historic District;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Robert Norman, Petitioner, and Messrs. Doherty, Norman, Norman, Norman, Hastings and Madames Norman, Norman, Norman and Wilson.

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 46

To see if the Town of Billerica will add the following appeals process to Section 14 of the Historic District Committee By-Laws, that any ruling by the Historic District Committee have 21 day appeal period, the ruling may be appealed to the Board of Selectmen;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Robert Norman, Petitioner, and Messrs. Doherty, Norman, Norman, Norman Norman, Norman, Hastings, and Madames Norman and Norman

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 47

To see if the Town will vote to rezone all or a portion of two parcels of land described in the deeds recorded at the MNDRD in Book 7164, Page 223 and in Book 1199, Page 232, located off of Rangeway Road, identified on the Assessor's Map (revised 1/16/96) as Plate 38, Parcel 5-1 and Plate 47, Parcel 35-1 and containing approximately 90 acres of land from Rural Residential District to a Rural Residential District with a Residential Cluster Overlay as shown on a plan on record with the Town Clerk;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager under the authority of the Board of Selectmen

CARRIED 124 to 27

ARTICLE 48

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by rezoning from Rural Residential District to an Industrial District the whole or any part of land owned by BBB Partners Limited Partnership on Corcoran Road in said Town bounded and described as follows:

A certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Billerica, County of Middlesex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts shown on a plan titled "Plan of Land in Billerica, Massachusetts (Middlesex County), scale: 1" = 60', August 4, 1997, owned by BBB Partners Limited Partnership, "Prepared by the BSC Group, Inc., said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northeasterly corner of said parcel at a point on the sideline of Corcoran Road same point being at other land now or formerly of BBB Partners Limited Partnership;

THENCE turning and running by a curve to the left having a radius of forty and 00/100 (40.00) feet and a length of one hundred four and 99/100 (104.99) feet to a point;

THENCE turning and running by a curve to the right having a radius of forty and 00/100 (40.00) feet and a length of thirty and 68/100 (30.68) feet to a point;

THENCE turning and running S 20 degrees, 41' 58" E, nine and 43/100 (9.43) feet to a point. Said last three (3) described courses being by said Corcoran Road;

THENCE turning and running by the Billerica/Burlington town line, S 21 degrees, 17' 20" W, seventy-nine and 97/100 (79.97) feet to a point;

THENCE turning and running S 64 degrees 14' 56" W, one hundred eight-eight and 57/100 (188.57) feet to a point;

THENCE turning and running by a stone wall, N 25 degrees 50' 50" W, two hundred sixty-four and 70/100 (264.70) feet to a drill hole found;

THENCE turning and running by a stone wall N 85 degrees 16' 46" E, two hundred

ninety-four and 89/100 (294.89) feet to a drill hole found;

THENCE turning and running by a stone wall N 85 degrees 45' 01" E, eleven and 59/100 (11.59) feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 51,563 square feet, more or less or 1.18 acres more or less;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Gayle Driscoll, Petitioner, and Messrs. Driscoll, Kindred, Allen, Murphy and Madames McAdoo, Jones, McNamara, Abolli and Denehy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 49

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by rezoning from a Neighborhood Residence District to an Industrial District the whole or any part of land owned by Cabot Corporation on Concord Road in said Town bounded and described as follows:

The proposed area of rezoning is situated on the northerly side of Concord Road and is comprised of all of Town of Billerica Assessor's Lot 31 and a portion of Lot 30-1 as shown on Plate 68 and 69, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the northerly sideline of Concord Road, said point being the southwesterly most corner of the rezoning area described herein; thence

NORTHWESTERLY, more or less, by land of C. R. Bard, Inc. a distance of one thousand five hundred forty-five (1,545) feet, more or less, to the southeasterly side of the Concord River; thence

NORTHEASTERLY, more or less, by the southeasterly side of the Concord River, a distance of two hundred thirty-five (235) feet, more or less; thence

SOUTHEASTERLY, EASTERLY and SOUTHEASTERLY, more or less, by Town of Billerica Assessor's Lots 60/96, 60/97 and 60/95, a distance of one thousand, six hundred ten (1,610) feet, more or less; thence

SOUTHERLY, more or less, by Town of Billerica Assessor's Lot 69/87, a distance of one hundred sixty (160) feet, more or less, thence

SOUTHWESTERLY, more or less, by several courses, all being three hundred (300) feet from and parallel to Concord Road, a distance of seven hundred forty (740) feet, more or less; thence

SOUTHEASTERLY, more or less, by a line fifty feet from and parallel to the easterly sideline of the former location of the Middlesex Turnpike, a distance of three hundred ten (310) feet, more or less, to the northerly sideline of Concord Road; thence

SOUTHWESTERLY, NORTHWESTERLY and SOUTHWESTERLY, more or less, by the northerly sideline of Concord Road, a distance of four hundred forty (440) feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

The proposed Rezoning Area contains 18.2 acres, more or less, and shown on plan entitled "Rezoning Plan" Concord Road, Billerica, MA, prepared by Welch Associates Land Surveyors, Inc. and dated August 14, 1997;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Gayle Driscoll, Petitioner, and Messrs. Driscoll, Kindred, Allen, Murphy, Eversman and Madames McAdoo, McNamara, Abelli and Denehy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 50

To see if the Town of Billerica will vote to enact a modified residential building program.

All residential development, be it single homes, condominiums, multi-dwellings or apartments must find an alternative water supply. No additional connection will be allowed to the Billerica Municipal water supply until such time that the Town of Billerica obtains an additional water allotment from the proper authorities.

Exemptions: Only for existing single lots to protect owners of a single lot who have plans to build a home on the lot for their own occupancy;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Richard Tracy, Petitioiner, and Messrs. Weston, Curley and Madames Tracey, Weston, Jacobs, Curley, Vandersteur, Vandersteur and Sapienza

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 51

To see if the Town of Billerica will vote to enact a modified building program.

All new residential, industrial, commercial and hotel/motel construction must find an alternative source of waste water removal. No additional connections will be allowed to the Billerica Municipal Waste Water Treatment Plant until a formal water program is approved.

This program must be presented to the Town Meeting for its approval by the Town Manager. Furthermore, this program must detail how the existing Town residents, business and industry will be sewered with approximate dates, as well as how the existing Waste Water Treatment Plant's capacity will be allocated. In addition, which method of expansion (if any) will be required to satisfy new development throughout the Town of Billerica.

Exemption: Only for existing single lots to protect owners of a single lot who have plans to build a home on the existing lot for their own occupancy;

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Richard Tracy, Petitioner, and Messrs. Weston, Curley and Madames Tracey, Weston, Curley, Vandersteur, Vandersteur and Sapienza

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 52

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money to be applied to the fiscal year 1997-98 tax rate.

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Billerica Finance Committee

CARRIED

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof, one copy at the East Billerica Fire Station, one copy at the Ninety-Nine Restaurant, Lexington Road; one cop[y at the Pizza Hut, Boston Road; one copy at the Nutting Lake Post Office; one copy at the North Billerica Post Office; one copy at Jim's Automotive/Fahey's Gulf Station, Nashua Road; one copy at Market Basket, Towne Plaza; one copy at the Center Post Office, Boston Road; one copy at the Pinehurst Fire Station; one copy at the North Billerica Fire Station; one copy at the Town Hall, Boston Road; and one copy at the Billerica Public Library.

Given under our hands this 29th day of September, 1997.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:
James F. O'Donnell, Jr., Chairman
Edward J. Hurd, Vice-Chairman
Arthur L. Doyle, Secretary
Brion M. Cangiamila
Ellen Day Rawlings

A True Copy
ATTEST:
David R. Laskey
Constable, Town of Billerica

MUNICIPAL REPORTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

1997 was another exciting year for the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager. The fiscal position of the community continued to improve. Our economic

initiatives expanded to include **A First in the Commonwealth** designation of our neighbor, Burlington, as an expanded economic target zone to allow for the location of the Sun Microsystems East Coast Headquarters in our region.

The Administration feels strongly that this infusion of some 3,000-4,000 new jobs to our region will enhance the opportunities for our residents to find meaningful, good paying careers in the future. In addition, the Administration worked with our neighboring communities on a number of other important regional issues relating to transportation, water quality improvements, health care, sewer extensions, and the sharing of general municipal resources to ease the tax burden on our residents. Finally, the election in May 1997 saw the voters return to office incumbent Selectman James O'Donnell, who became the Chairman of the Board for this year.

Budget: As has been the case for the past four years, the Town once again closed its fiscal year 1997 with a surplus of "Positive Free Cash" in excess of $1,700,000 which continued the very good news on the fiscal front for the community. This trend will allow the community to very seriously consider an upgrade to its current "A" rating for the purpose of selling general obligation bonds at a more favorable return for investors and therefore provide a reduced interest rate on the issues sold by the community. The Town Meeting has strongly supported the plan of the Board and the Manager to close out year end unexpended balances to the Stabilization Account which has, in addition to the "Free Cash," allowed the Town to establish a healthy savings account of over $1,000,000 to fund future capital needs without raising taxes! All of this good news simply reinforces our strong belief that we are a stable, dynamic community on the move. The Town's total budget for 1997, after the adjustments made in October, totaled just over $76,400,000, which resulted in a stabilized adjustment to the tax rate of a very modest 7 cents per thousand dollars of residential value. In fact, we are proud of the fact that our residential rate has gone from $15.13 to $15.45 in four years! This stabilizing of the rate has been accomplished through our aggressive management of the budget while similarly accommodating many of our major infrastructure needs without calling for an override to Prop 2½. Additionally, we have negotiated and settled contracts with our bargaining units, and all these contracts have been funded through the general appropriation process.

Economic Development. In 1997, we continued to espouse a pro-active philosophy when it came to economic development in Billerica. The Town continued to receive good news when it was announced in 1997 that the dormant Purity Warehouse had been purchased by the retail giant, K-Mart. By the end of the calendar year, the facility was back in full operation, employing over 250 people. Wang also broke ground on its new 150,000 square foot Corporate Headquarters which will become a "signature" property for the community in the future. Additionally, Kodak announced it would also be locating its East Coast Software Headquarters in Billerica on the same site as Wang. Finally, Billerica will finally be the home of a major hotel when it was announced that Wyndham Hotels will build a major full service facility in the community to serve this burgeoning business clientele. The manager and his staff have worked very hard to make all of these success stories come to fruition, and we are grateful to see these accomplishments.

Infrastructure Improvements. The Town continued to make progress in addressing its capital needs in 1997. Our lateral sewer program progressed to a great degree in 1997. We embarked upon a very difficulty "deep cut" process in the Whipple Road area which will allow us to open up areas of town heretofore unreachable through our conventional construction process. Additionally, we were able to provide sewer to the Kennedy School area as well the Forest Park and Pinehurst sections. In total, over 500 homes will have access to our system when these contracts are complete. We also continued a very aggressive road management and

maintenance program in 1997. The Town now has plans to totally reconstruct Concord Road, Andover Road, Pond Street, Alexander Road, and Cook Street. We will also commence with many smaller projects around town. The Town did complete the total reconstruction of Wyman Road and performed overlay on many roads throughout the community, including High Street, Billerica Avenue, Faulkner Street, Lexington Road, and many secondary streets in Pinehurst. We are into our fifth year of the ten year program identified in the Pavement Management Study of 1994. This community has spent over $5,000,000 in road reconstruction in the past four years, and we expect this ratio to continue as roadway maintenance retains a high priority with this administration. Finally, the Town has not yet made a decision on the new water treatment plant which will be the largest expenditure for the Town in the coming years. This decision will invariably require the Board of Selectmen to raise the water rates by a very significant margin to accommodate this expenditure.

The Town Manager and the Board would like to extend our deep appreciation to all our department heads, boards and commissions for their tireless work on behalf of this Town, as well as the numerous volunteers who work behind the scenes to make this community the best it can be. Billerica is on the move!

Respectfully submitted.

Robert A. Mercier
Town Administrator

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

In 1997, the Accounting Department had its second accounting cycle since I became Town Accountant. In two years' time, Accounting has made many improvements to the accounting process. We are continually updating our current procedures to help make our process a more efficient one. On a monthly basis, cash is being reconciled with the Treasurer, and departmental reconciliations are performed.

In addition to all the changes in the Accounting Department , two employees left my staff for other positions. I would like to thank Michelle Cresta and Shelley Ridley for all their help and support in the Accounting Department throughout last year. Also, I would like to welcome two new employees to the Accounting Department: May Roberto and Eileen Gallison. Welcome aboard! In addition, Mary Alice DeCoff was promoted to Administrative Head Clerk.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Town officers and employees for all their assistance and cooperation during the year.

Sincerely,

Cheryl A. Robertson
Town Accountant

Town of Billerica
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group
June 30, 1997

	Government Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Obligations Group	Total (Memorandum Only)
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS						
Cash and Short-Term Investments	$ 5,437,175	$2,272,884	$6,220,207	$ 451,064	$ 0	$ 14,381,330
Investments				2,231,473		2,231,473
Investments of Deferred Compensation Plan				6,177,116		6,177,116

Town of Billerica
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group
June 30, 1997

	Government Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Obligations Group	Total (Memorandum Only)
Receivables						
Real Estate and personal property taxes	3,467,002					3,467,002
Tax title, liens and possessions	3,538,886					3,538,886
Excise taxes	1,221,288					1,221,288
User charges	2,255,673					2,255,673
Intergovernmental			213,448			213,448
Amounts To Be Provided For Retirement Of Long-Term Obligations					30,395,109	30,395,109
Total Assets And Other Debits	$ 15,920,024	$2,272,884	$6,433,655	$ 8,859,653	$ 30,395,109	$ 63,881,325

See notes to general purpose financial statements.

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities						
Warrants payable	$ 688,143	$ 29,364	$ 573,601	$ 250	$ 0	$ 1,291,358
Compensated absences					2,094,000	2,094,000
Accrued expenditures	403,658					403,658
Other liabilities	270,613		129,800			400,413
Reserve for abatements	1,300,320					1,300,320
Deferred revenues	8,912,529	19,944				8,932,473
Liabilities due depositors				6,436,146		6,436,146
Bonds and notes payable			91,250		28,301,109	28,392,359
Total Liabilities	11,575,263	49,308	794,651	6,436,396	30,395,109	49,250,727
FUND EQUITY:						
Reserved for:						
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	979,250					979,250
Nonexpendable trusts				916,522		916,522
Unreserved	3,365,511	2,223,576	5,639,004	1,506,735		12,734,826
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	4,344,761	2,223,576	5,639,004	2,423,257	0	14,630,598
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	$ 15,920,024	$2,272,884	$6,433,655	$ 8,859,653	$ 30,395,109	$ 63,881,325

See notes to general purpose financial statements.

Town of Billerica
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Budget and Actual - General Fund - Budgetary Basis
Year Ended June 30, 1997

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			
Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes, Net of Reserve for Abatements	$ 42,504,761	$ 41,589,851	$ (914,910)
Tax Title and Foreclosure	250,000	928,001	678,001
Excise Taxes	2,825,000	3,050,587	225,587
User Charges	4,175,000	4,407,228	232,228
Intergovernmental	16,616,377	16,730,208	113,831
Departmental Fees, Fines and Charges	1,810,600	2,123,416	312,816
Interest	414,400	541,762	127,362
TOTAL REVENUES	68,596,138	69,371,053	774,915
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government	2,189,988	2,132,615	57,373
Public Safety	9,302,464	9,248,538	53,926
Public Works	8,643,278	8,139,387	503,891

Town of Billerica
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Budget and Actual - General Fund - Budgetary Basis
Year Ended June 30, 1997

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Human Services	712,085	699,785	12,300
Culture and Recreation	830,872	829,180	1,692
Education	35,616,703	35,616,703	0
Pension	2,115,634	2,070,951	44,683
Debt Service - Principal	3,460,254	3,460,254	0
Debt Service - Interest	1,523,528	1,512,357	11,171
State and County Charges	704,838	757,608	(52,770)
Employee Benefits	4,291,320	4,087,867	203,453
Other Expenditures	673,957	624,929	49,028
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	70,064,921	69,180,174	884,747
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(1,468,783)	190,879	1,659,662
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Encumbrance Reversions	123,953	123,953	0
Use of Unreserved Fund Balance	1,759,765	1,759,765	0
Transfers In	150,668	150,668	0
Transfers Out	(565,603)	(565,603)	0
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	1,468,783	1,468,783	0
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) OVER EXPENDITURES	0	1,659,662	1,659,662

See notes to general purpose financial statements.

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Personal Property	2,196,560
Real Estate	39,371,036
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	22,255
Roll Back Taxes	0
RE & Personal Property	41,589,851
Tax Liens Redeemed	781,405
Motor Vehicle	3,050,587
Water	2,640,002
Sewer	1,767,226
User Charges	4,407,228
Penalties & Int Taxes/Excise	608,854
Fees	
Yard Sale Fees	504
Cable TV Fees	5,344
Telephone Commissions	0

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Lien Certificates	53,077
Police Misc. Fees	1,223
Fire Fees	16,894
Ambulance Fees	186,570
Sealer Fees	3,240
Treasurer Fees	41,552
Fees Total	308,404
Rental	6,398
School	0
Libraries	14,689
Cemetery	55,460
Other Departmental Revenue	
Town Administrator	90
Assessor	1,599
Pro Forma Tax	1,600
Abutters List	5,205
Town Clerk	43,481
Police Detail	41,015
Board of Appeals	9,801
Police Reports	4,661
Trailer Park	10,800
Nursing	0
Public Works	11,745
Sale of Land Revenue	146,597
Other Departmental Revenue Total	276,595
Licenses and Permits	
Hawkers Licenses	0
Alcohol 11228-43601	103,826
Licenses Griggs Farm	25,000
Police Firearms Licenses	4,585
Wiring Permits	96,321
Building Permits	394,553
Plumbing & Gas Permits	29,647
Board of Health	78,923
Planning Board	6,399
Dog Officer	1,470
Licenses & Permits	0
Licenses and Permits Total	740,725
Fines & Forfeits	
Parking Fines	2,895
Court and Registry Licenses	24,152
MV Fines and Forfeits	176,164
MV Fines and Forfeits Offsets	57,000

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Fines & Forfeits Total	260,211
Department Fees, Fines and Charges	2,271,336
Interest	541,762
Intergovernmental	
Lieu Taxes State	0
Tuition for State Wards	7,665
Veterans Abatements	37,815
Surviving Spouse	62,554
Blind Abatements	3,763
Elderly Abatements	28,730
State Owned Land	48,069
School Chapter 70	9,731,234
School Transportation	412,604
School Construction	22,336
School Charter	0
Police Career Incentive	207,236
Veterans Benefits	146,114
Highway Reconstruction	290,586
Additional Assistance	2,956,313
Sewer Rate Relief	95,595
Lottery Chapter 29	2,621,911
Other State Revenue Misc.	56,360
Total Cherry Street	16,728,886
Total Receipts	69,371,053

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	12210	5110	122	Selectmen	52,186.00	52,186.78		0.00	0.00	52,186.78	(0.78)
	12220	5400	122	Selectmen	7,229.00	4,383.12		0.00	2,846.10	7,229.22	(0.22)
	12230	5200	122	Selectmen	8,525.00	8,047.92		0.00	0.00	8,047.92	477.08
				Total Selectmen	67,940.00	64,617.82	0.00	0.00	2,846.10	67,463.92	476.08
	12310	5110	123	Town Administrator	215,663.00	203,993.42		0.00	0.00	203,993.42	11,669.58
	12320	5400	124	Town Administrator	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	12330	5200	125	Town Administrator	3,730.00	3,612.88		0.00	0.00	3,612.88	117.12
				Total Town Admin.	219,393.00	207,606.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	207,606.30	11,786.70
	12910	5120	129	Cable	500.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
	12920	5400	129	Cable	25.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
				Total Cable	525.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	525.00

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	13110	5110	131	Finance Committee	1,454.00	811.27		0.00	0.00	811.27	642.73
	13120	5400	131	Finance Committee	50.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
	13130	5200	131	Finance Committee	1,460.00	773.00		0.00	0.00	773.00	687.00
				Total Finance Comm	2,964.00	1,584.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,584.27	1,379.73
	13510	5110	135	Accountant	166,117.00	147,169.52		0.00	0.00	147,169.52	18,947.48
	13520	5400	135	Accountant	975.00	873.77		0.00	0.00	873.77	101.23
	13530	5200	135	Accountant	3,000.00	1,694.62		0.00	0.00	1,694.62	1,305.38
				Total Accountant	170,092.00	149,737.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	149,737.91	20,354.09
	14110	5110	141	Assessor	213,503.00	213,500.10		0.00	0.00	213,500.10	2.90
	14120	5400	141	Assessor	1,500.00	1,392.47		0.00	0.00	1,392.47	107.53
	14130	5200	141	Assessor	7,340.00	6,651.96		0.00	94.00	6,745.96	594.04
	14150	6000	141	Assessor Reval A43 5	68,350.00	34,660.00		0.00	33,690.00	68,350.00	0.00
				Total Assessor	290,693.00	256,204.53	0.00	0.00	33,784.00	289,988.53	704.47
	14510	5110	145	Treasurer	306,780.00	300,221.27		0.00	0.00	300,221.27	6,558.73
	14520	5400	145	Treasurer	3,000.00	2,998.60		0.00	0.00	2,998.60	1.40
	14520	5415	145	Treasurer	40,000.00	40,000.00		0.00	0.00	40,000.00	0.00
	14530	5200	145	Treasurer	144,996.06	144,996.06		0.00	0.00	144,996.06	0.00
	14540	5800	145	Treasurer	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
				Total Treasurer	494,776.06	488,215.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	488,215.93	6,560.13
	15130	5200	151	Legal	237,000.00	233,540.09		0.00	3,391.67	236,931.76	68.24
				Total Legal	237,000.00	233,540.09	0.00	0.00	3,391.67	236,931.76	68.24
	15210	5110	152	Personnel	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
				Total Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	16110	5110	161	Clerk	129,600.00	129,587.25		0.00	0.00	129,587.25	12.75
	16120	5400	161	Clerk	150.00	0.00		0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
	16130	5200	161	Clerk	1,195.00	963.00		0.00	122.00	1,085.00	110.00
	16140	5800	161	Clerk	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
				Total Clerk	130,945.00	130,550.25	0.00	0.00	272.00	130,822.25	122.75
	16210	5110	162	Elections	37,777.00	32,095.03		0.00	0.00	32,095.03	5,681.97
	16220	5400	162	Elections	990.00	771.84		0.00	0.00	771.84	218.16
	16230	5200	162	Elections	8,160.00	5,202.79		0.00	0.00	5,202.79	2,957.21
	16240	5800	162	Elections	17,804.00	17,803.10		0.00	0.00	17,803.10	0.90
				Total Elections	64,731.00	55,872.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	55,872.76	8,858.24
	16310	5110	163	Registrars	70,196.00	66,577.20		1,117.22	0.00	67,694.42	2,501.58
	16320	5400	163	Registrars	4,753.00	3,587.44		0.00	0.00	3,587.44	1,165.56
	16330	5200	163	Registrars	3,140.00	834.75		0.00	2,305.00	3,139.75	0.25
				Total Registrars	78,089.00	70,999.39	0.00	1,117.22	2,305.00	74,421.61	3,667.39
	17110	5110	171	Conservation	74,180.00	74,064.01		0.00	0.00	74,064.01	115.99
	17120	5400	171	Conservation	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	17130	5200	171	Conservation	320.00	320.00		0.00	0.00	320.00	0.00
				Total Conservation	74,500.00	74,384.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	74,384.01	115.99
	17510	5110	175	Planning	88,851.00	88,654.76		0.00	0.00	88,654.76	196.24
	17520	5400	175	Planning	200.00	178.88		0.00	5.54	184.42	15.58
	17530	5200	175	Planning	325.00	309.09		0.00	15.91	325.00	0.00
	17540	5800	175	Planning	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
				Total Planning	89,376.00	89,142.73	0.00	0.00	21.45	89,164.18	211.82
	17610	5110	176	Appeals Board	34,785.00	34,768.16		0.00	0.00	34,768.16	16.84
	17620	5400	176	Appeals Board	70.00	70.00		0.00	0.00	70.00	0.00
	17630	5200	176	Appeals Board	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
				Total Appeals Board	34,855.00	34,838.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	34,838.16	16.84

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	19210	5110	192	Town Hall	30,449.00	30,448.26		0.00	0.00	30,448.26	0.74
	19220	5400	192	Town Hall	74,545.00	74,540.22		0.00	0.00	74,540.22	4.78
	19230	5200	192	Town Hall	129,115.00	126,581.76		0.00	12.85	126,594.61	2,520.39
				Total Town Hall	234,109.00	231,570.24	0.00	0.00	12.85	231,583.09	2,525.91
				Total General Government	2,189,988.06	2,088,864.39	0.00	1,117.22	42,633.07	2,132,614.68	57,373.38
				Public Safety							
	21010	5110	210	Police	3,844,969.00	3,840,816.87				3,840,816.87	4,152.13
	21020	5400	210	Police	150,290.00	140,539.42			1,218.10	141,757.52	8,532.48
	21030	5200	210	Police	82,280.00	75,909.66			203.71	76,113.37	6,166.63
	21040	5800	210	Police	25,000.00	15,271.00			9,729.00	25,000.00	0.00
	21050	6000	210	Police Radar A26 10/9	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00
	21051	6000	210	Police A 40 5/96	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00
				Total Police	4,102,539.00	4,072,536.95	0.00	0.00	11,150.81	4,083,687.76	18,851.24
	22010	5110	220	Fire	3,970,774.00	3,959,863.33				3,959,863.33	10,910.67
	22020	5400	220	Fire	105,150.00	104,178.71			76.48	104,255.19	894.81
	22030	5200	220	Fire	224,824.00	222,420.00		0.00	876.16	223,296.16	1,527.84
	22040	5800	220	Fire	28,800.00	28,797.00				28,797.00	3.00
	22050	6000	220	Fire Pub Ans A10 5/96	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00
	22051	6000	220	Fire Dept. A25 10/96	17,500.00	17,433.12			66.88	17,500.00	0.00
	22052	6000	220	Fire Dept. A26 10/96	5,000.00	4,849.04		0.00	150.96	5,000.00	0.00
				Total Fire	4,352,048.00	4,337,541.20	0.00	0.00	1,170.48	4,338,711.68	13,336.32
	23110	5110	220	Ambulance	387,004.00	369,685.70				369,685.70	17,318.30
	23120	5400	220	Ambulance	17,980.00	17,396.14				17,396.14	583.86
	23130	5200	220	Ambulance	1,475.00	1,388.72			0.00	1,388.72	86.28
	23150	6000	220	Ambulance A14 10/9	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00
				Total Ambulance	406,459.00	388,470.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	388,470.56	17,988.44
	24110	5110	241	Building	338,444.00	338,444.62				338,444.62	(0.62)
	24120	5400	241	Building	5,850.00	2,787.51			2,839.87	5,627.38	222.62
	24130	5200	241	Building	24,955.00	22,137.41			576.10	22,713.51	2,241.49
	24140	5800	241	Building	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00
				Total Building	369,249.00	363,369.54	0.00	0.00	3,415.97	366,785.51	2,463.49
	24410	5110	242	Weights/Measures	5,181.00	5,181.00				5,181.00	0.00
	24420	5400	242	Weights/Measures	320.00	318.94				318.94	1.06
	24430	5200	242	Weights/Measures	910.00	909.91				909.91	0.09
				Total Weights/Meas	6,411.00	6,409.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,409.85	1.15
	29110	5110	291	Emer Mgmt	7,746.00	7,746.00				7,746.00	0.00
	29120	5400	291	Emer Mgmt	8,799.00	8,761.79				8,761.79	37.21
	29140	5800	291	Emer Mgmt	3,601.00	3,601.00			0.00	3,601.00	0.00
				Total Emer Mgmt	20,146.00	20,108.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,108.79	37.21
	29210	5110	292	Dog Officer	40,843.00	40,282.22				40,282.22	560.78
	29220	5400	292	Dog Officer	1,450.00	913.82			200.00	1,113.82	336.18
	29230	5200	292	Dog Officer	3,319.00	2,967.84			0.00	2,967.84	351.16
				Total Dog Officer	45,612.00	44,163.88	0.00	0.00	200.00	44,363.88	1,248.12
				Total Public Safety	9,302,464.00	9,232,600.77	0.00	0.00	15,937.26	9,248,538.03	53,925.97

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				School							
	30010	5160	300	School	25,628,652.00	25,628,652.84		0.00		25,628,652.84	(0.84)
	30020	5400	300	School	6,661,531.00	6,292,399.21			369,131.95	6,661,531.16	(0.16)
	30030	5200	300	School	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00
	30040	5800	300	School Capital	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00
	30061	5400	300	School 94	0.00					0.00	0.00
	31091	5300	310	Shawsheen Regional	3,140,641.00	3,140,641.00				3,140,641.00	0.00
	31092	5800	310	Shawsheen Capital	185,879.00	185,879.00				185,879.00	0.00
				Total School	35,616,703.00	35,247,572.05	0.00	0.00	369,131.95	35,616,704.00	(1.00)
				Public Works							
	41010	5110	410	Engineering	191,537.00	191,383.68				191,383.68	153.32
	41020	5400	410	Engineering	6,345.00	6,248.26			0.00	6,248.26	96.74
	41030	5200	410	Engineering	1,880.00	1,748.82			120.00	1,868.82	11.18
				Total Engineering	199,762.00	199,380.76	0.00	0.00	120.00	199,500.76	261.24
	42110	5110	421	DPW Admin	233,954.00	233,664.77				233,664.77	289.23
	42120	5400	421	DPW Admin	2,350.00	2,335.27			0.00	2,335.27	14.73
	42130	5200	421	DPW Admin	14,068.00	13,931.32			109.59	14,040.91	27.09
				Total DPW Admin	250,372.00	249,931.36	0.00	0.00	109.59	250,040.95	331.05
	42210	5110	422	Highway	556,957.00	554,942.06				554,942.06	2,014.94
	42220	5400	422	Highway	175,300.00	137,527.91			37,415.73	174,943.64	356.36
	42230	5200	422	Highway	59,050.00	31,639.42			21,219.61	52,859.03	6,190.97
	42240	5800	422	Highway	25,000.00	25,000.00				25,000.00	0.00
	42251	6000	422	Highway A9 10/96	215,615.00	39,359.00			176,256.00	215,615.00	0.00
	42250	6000	422	Highway A40 5/96	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00
				Total Highway	1,031,922.00	788,468.39	0.00	0.00	234,891.34	1,023,359.73	8,562.27
	42310	5131	422	Snow and Ice	67,300.00	106,842.10				106,842.10	(39,542.10)
	42330	5278	422	Snow/Salt/Sand	250,000.00	431,243.42				431,243.42	(181,243.42)
	42430	5200	424	Street Lighting	198,683.00	191,576.25			2,277.63	193,853.88	4,829.12
				Total Street Lighting	515,983.00	729,661.77	0.00	0.00	2,277.63	731,939.40	(215,956.40)
	43330	5285	433	Solid Waste	1,695,000.00	1,694,953.81				1,694,953.81	46.19
				Total Solid Waste	1,695,000.00	1,694,953.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,694,953.81	46.19
	44110	5110	441	Sewer	822,463.00	818,116.12				818,116.12	4,346.88
	44120	5400	441	Sewer	303,432.00	298,463.65			1,253.06	299,716.71	3,715.29
	44130	5200	441	Sewer	537,325.00	523,627.69			6,125.00	529,752.69	7,572.31
	44140	5800	441	Sewer	48,000.00	48,000.00				48,000.00	0.00
	44161	5200	441	Sewer	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00
				Total Sewer	1,711,220.00	1,688,207.46	0.00	0.00	7,378.06	1,695,585.52	15,634.48
	45110	5110	451	Water Billing	99,635.00	99,569.71				99,569.71	65.29
	45120	5400	451	Water Billing	15,950.00	15,864.15				15,864.15	85.85
	45130	5200	451	Water Billing	22,099.00	22,099.00				22,099.00	0.00
				Total Water Billing	137,684.00	137,532.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	137,532.86	151.14
	45210	5110	452	Water Maint	324,196.00	321,981.36				321,981.36	2,214.64
	45220	5400	452	Water Maint	38,169.00	37,472.82				37,472.82	696.18
	45230	5200	452	Water Maint	24,762.00	24,366.93				24,366.93	395.07
	45240	5800	452	Water Maint	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00
	45250	6000	452	Water Maint A40 5/96	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00
				Total Water Maint	387,127.00	383,821.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	383,821.11	3,305.89
	45310	5110	453	Water Treatment	628,160.00	627,903.68				627,903.68	256.32
	45320	5400	453	Water Treatment	270,416.00	268,535.67				268,535.67	1,880.33
	45330	5200	453	Water Treatment	396,199.00	395,265.02				395,265.02	933.98
				Total Water Treat	1,294,775.00	1,291,704.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,291,704.37	3,070.63

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	45410	5110	454	Cross Connect	78,548.00	78,546.62				78,546.62	1.38
	45420	5400	454	Cross Connect	3,100.00	3,098.26				3,098.26	1.74
	45430	5200	454	Cross Connect	26,742.00	26,727.20				26,727.20	14.80
				Total Cross Connect	108,390.00	108,372.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	108,372.08	17.92
	49110	5110	491	Cemetery	240,629.00	240,625.91				240,625.91	3.09
	49120	5400	491	Cemetery	11,885.00	11,790.46				11,790.46	94.54
	49130	5200	491	Cemetery	10,939.00	10,634.46				10,634.46	304.54
	49140	5800	491	Cemetery	1,000.00	991.77				991.77	8.23
	49150	6000	491	Cemetery Land A44 5/9	21,000.00	20,998.00				20,998.00	2.00
	49151	6000	491	Cemetery Comp A45 5/9	10,000.00	6,186.36			3,813.64	10,000.00	0.00
	49152	6000	491	Seasonal Help A18 10	16,000.00	8,190.00			7,810.00	16,000.00	0.00
				Total Cemetery	311,453.00	299,416.96	0.00	0.00	11,623.64	311,040.60	412.40
	49210	5110	492	Motor Equip	128,589.00	128,160.59				128,160.59	428.41
	49220	5400	492	Motor Equip	159,800.00	151,826.66			7,972.44	159,799.10	0.90
	49230	5200	492	Motor Equip	35,600.00	19,630.83			3,945.79	23,576.62	12,023.38
				Total Motor Equip	323,989.00	299,618.08	0.00	0.00	11,918.23	311,536.31	12,452.69
				Total Public Works	7,967,677.00	7,871,069.01	0.00	0.00	268,318.49	8,139,387.50	(171,710.50)
				Human Services							
	51010	5110	510	Board of Health	192,193.00	189,169.43				189,169.43	3,023.57
	51020	5400	510	Board of Health	3,706.00	3,702.11				3,702.11	3.89
	51030	5200	510	Board of Health	10,395.00	10,394.76				10,394.76	0.24
	51040	5800	510	Board of Health	500.00	499.33				499.33	0.67
				Total Board of Health	206,794.00	203,765.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	203,765.63	3,028.37
	52210	5110	522	Nursing	36,188.00	36,187.12				36,187.12	0.88
	52220	5400	522	Nursing	1,475.00	1,474.98				1,474.98	0.02
	52230	5200	522	Nursing	3,750.00	3,750.00				3,750.00	0.00
				Total Nursing	41,413.00	41,412.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	41,412.10	0.90
	52520	5400	525	Sanitarian	100.00	100.00				100.00	0.00
	52530	5200	525	Sanitarian	10,079.00	10,070.17				10,070.17	8.83
				Total Sanitarian	10,179.00	10,170.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,170.17	8.83
	54110	5110	541	Council on Aging	101,251.00	95,695.29				95,695.29	5,555.71
	54120	5400	541	Council on Aging	1,000.00	995.44				995.44	4.56
	54130	5200	541	Council on Aging	12,168.00	10,033.08			0.00	10,033.08	2,134.92
	54140	5800	541	Council on Aging	2,000.00	970.00		0.00		970.00	1,030.00
				Total Coun. on Aging	116,419.00	107,693.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	107,693.81	8,725.19
	54310	5110	543	Veterans	75,745.00	75,743.74				75,743.74	1.26
	54320	5400	543	Veterans	30.00	30.00				30.00	0.00
	54330	5200	543	Veterans	905.00	905.00				905.00	0.00
	54350	5280	543	Veterans Services	260,000.00	208,984.05			51,000.00	259,984.05	15.95
				Total Veterans	336,680.00	285,662.79	0.00	0.00	51,000.00	336,662.79	17.21
	56120	5400	561	Handicapped	200.00	80.13				80.13	119.87
	56130	5200	561	Handicapped	300.00	0.00				0.00	300.00
				Total Handicapped	500.00	80.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.13	419.87
	56310	5150	563	Housing Partnership	100.00	0.00				0.00	100.00
				Total Housing	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
				Total Human Services	712,085.00	648,784.63	0.00	0.00	51,000.00	699,784.63	12,300.37
				Culture and Recreation							

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	61010	5110	610	Library	380,247.00	380,246.47		0.00		380,246.47	0.53
	61020	5400	610	Library	63,200.00	63,191.84			0.00	63,191.84	8.16
	61030	5200	610	Library	59,900.00	57,254.61			1,845.00	59,099.61	800.39
	61040	5800	610	Library A26 5/95 Red	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
				Total Library	503,347.00	500,692.92	0.00	0.00	1,845.00	502,537.92	809.08
	63010	5110	630	Recreation	125,100.00	125,088.75				125,088.75	11.25
	63020	5400	630	Recreation	12,435.00	12,373.70			0.00	12,373.70	61.30
	63030	5200	630	Recreation	13,660.00	13,110.33			157.65	13,267.98	392.02
				Total Recreation	151,195.00	150,572.78	0.00	0.00	157.65	150,730.43	464.57
	65010	5110	650	Parts/Trees	151,237.00	151,181.78				151,181.78	55.22
	65020	5400	650	Parts/Trees	16,850.00	15,228.02			1,295.00	16,523.02	326.98
	65030	5200	650	Parts/Trees	7,661.00	7,320.21			328.13	7,648.34	12.66
	65040	5800	650	Parts/Trees	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00
	65050	6000	650	Parts/Trees A40 5/96	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00
				Total Parks/Trees	175,748.00	173,730.01	0.00	0.00	1,623.13	175,353.14	394.86
	69120	5400	690	Historical	100.00	77.95				77.95	22.05
	69130	5200	690	Historical	482.00	480.00				480.00	2.00
				Total Historical	582.00	557.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	557.95	24.05
				Total Culture and Recreation	830,872.00	825,553.66	0.00	0.00	3,625.78	829,179.44	1,692.56
				Debt Service							
	71070	7130	710	S-T Interest	128,581.00	117,407.90				117,407.90	11,173.10
	71070	7550	710	Town Interest	1,020,356.00	1,020,356.88		0.00		1,020,356.88	(0.88)
	71070	7560	710	School Interest	167,300.00	167,300.66				167,300.66	(0.66)
	71070	7570	710	Exempt 2.5 Interest	30,875.00	30,875.00				30,875.00	0.00
	71070	7580	710	New Debt Interest	176,416.00	176,416.25				176,416.25	(0.25)
	71070	7590	710	New Debt Interest Sch	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00
				Total Interest Exp.	1,523,528.00	1,512,356.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,512,356.69	11,171.31
	71070	7150	710	Principal Town	2,642,659.00	2,642,658.98				2,642,658.98	0.02
	71070	7160	710	Principal School	687,595.00	687,595.50				687,595.50	(0.50)
	71070	7170	710	Principal Exempt 2.5	130,000.00	130,000.00				130,000.00	0.00
	71070	7180	710	New Debt Town	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00
	71070	7190	710	New Debt School	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00
				Total Principal	3,460,254.00	3,460,254.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,460,254.48	(0.48)
				State and County Charges							
	80070	7210	800	County	64,143.00	62,578.76				62,578.76	1,564.24
	80070	7220	800	Special Education	0.00	35,887.00				35,887.00	(35,887.00)
	80070	7219	800	Charter School Assess	0.00	20,335.00				20,335.00	(20,335.00)
	80070	7220	800	Special Ed Assess	5,606.00	8,653.00				8,653.00	(3,047.00)
	80070	7225	800	NMCOG Assessment	9,678.00	9,678.32				9,678.32	(0.32)
	80070	7230	800	MV Excise	0.00	49,340.00				49,340.00	(49,340.00)
	80070	7235	800	Cadet Training Assess	0.00	12,600.00				12,600.00	(12,600.00)
	80070	7240	800	Health Ins Retired	416,975.00	416,975.00				416,975.00	0.00
	80070	7250	800	Mosquito Control	37,786.00	37,696.00				37,696.00	90.00
	80070	7260	800	Air Pollution	8,391.00	8,391.00				8,391.00	0.00
	80070	7270	800	Regional Transit	95,474.00	95,474.00				95,474.00	0.00
	80070	7280	800	Regional Planning	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00
				Total State and County Charges	638,053.00	757,608.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	757,608.08	(119,555.08)

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		Employee Benefits									
	91070	7010	910	Town Building Insuran	222,000.00	216,650.00				216,650.00	5,350.00
	91070	7011	910	School Build Insurance	51,622.00	51,622.00				51,622.00	0.00
	91070	7012	910	Town Group Insurance	1,546,000.00	1,519,481.62				1,519,481.62	26,518.38
	91070	7013	910	School Group Insuranc	1,934,687.00	1,790,552.40			144,134.60	1,934,687.00	0.00
	91070	7020	910	Town Workman's Co	125,000.00	96,457.21				96,457.21	28,542.79
	91070	7021	910	School Workman's Co	258,000.00	247,508.25				247,508.25	10,491.75
	91070	7030	910	Town Unemployment	17,000.00	15,085.51				15,085.51	1,914.49
	91070	7031	910	School Unemployment	9,228.00	3,325.00				3,325.00	5,903.00
	91070	7035	910	County Land Acquisit	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00
	91070	7036	910	I.B.P.O. Bargain Agree	1.00	0.00				0.00	1.00
	91070	7037	910	Community Stat Plan	16,000.00	5,100.00				5,100.00	10,900.00
	91070	7042	910	Medicare Town	105,000.00	104,712.65				104,712.65	287.35
	91070	7043	910	Medicare School	106,650.00	106,635.49				106,635.49	14.51
	91070	7050	910	Cornell	4,415.00	1,500.00				1,500.00	2,915.00
	91070	7051	910	Police/Fire Medical	22,000.00	18,259.93			3,740.07	22,000.00	0.00
	91070	7052	910	County Retirement	2,115,634.00	2,070,950.65				2,070,950.65	44,683.35
	91070	7053	910	Professional Train Ed	9,000.00	6,804.83				6,804.83	2,195.17
	91070	7054	910	T/G Computer	85,000.00	82,868.82			1,377.60	84,246.42	753.58
	91070	7055	910	Telephone	79,000.00	56,015.91			8,122.26	64,138.17	14,861.83
	91070	7056	910	T/G Gen Office Supp	39,000.00	32,833.78			3,521.42	36,355.20	2,644.80
	91070	7057	910	T/G Custodial Supp	12,000.00	7,013.65			4,550.00	11,563.65	436.35
	91070	7058	910	T/G Main & Repair	64,500.00	63,878.98			621.00	64,499.98	0.02
	91070	7059	910	Prof Cleaning Serv	12,000.00	7,772.36				7,772.36	4,227.64
	91070	7060	910	Court Judgments	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00
	91070	7061	910	Town Report	7,000.00	0.00			7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
	91070	7062	910	Town Audit	30,000.00	30,000.00				30,000.00	0.00
	91070	7063	910	Reserve	36.00	0.00				0.00	36.00
	91070	7064	910	BPAA Uniforms	1,000.00	499.50				499.50	500.50
	91070	7065	910	Abandoned Buildings	26,000.00	900.00			25,100.00	26,000.00	0.00
	91070	7066	910	T/G A.D.A. Insp	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00
	91070	7067	910	VFW Posts	800.00	0.00			800.00	800.00	0.00
	91070	7068	910	MEM/Museum/Home	11,000.00	10,716.02				10,716.02	283.98
	91070	7069	910	Unpaid Bills	6,999.00	6,865.55				6,865.55	133.45
	91070	7080	910	Retirements 1995	22,660.00	22,660.00		0.00		22,660.00	0.00
	91070	7081	910	T/G Early Ret Stab	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00
	91070	7082	910	P/E Early Ret Stab	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00
	91070	7083	910	Early Retire Incentive	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00
	91070	7084	910	T/G Scholarship	1,000.00	909.50				909.50	90.50
	91070	7085	910	P/E Scholarship	1,000.00	1,000.00				1,000.00	0.00
	91050	6000	910	Town Hall Stm a14 5/9	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00
	91051	6000	910	Town Hall Cupola A10	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00
	91052	6000	910	Town Land Use A12 95	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00
	91053	6000	910	County Land A41 5/9	5,000.00	0.00			5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
	91054	6000	910	Beaut Com A31 10/9	1,000.00	0.00			1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
	91055	6000	910	Unpaid Bills A37 5/9	0.00	29,591.25		(29,591.25)	200.13	200.13	(200.13)
		Total Employee Benefits			6,947,232.00	6,608,170.86	0.00	(29,591.25)	205,167.08	6,783,746.69	163,485.31
		Court Judgments									
	94270	7060	942	Court Judgment	0.00					0.00	0.00
		Total Court Judgments			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Other									
				Revenue Deficit	0.00					0.00	0.00
				Snow & Ice	675,621.00					0.00	675,621.00
				Overlay Deficit	20,000.00					0.00	20,000.00
				Appropriation Deficit	113,679.26					0.00	113,679.26
				Over/Under	66,785.00					0.00	66,785.00
		Total Other			876,085.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	876,085.26

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				Other Financing Uses							
	81810	5800	818	Transfer to Scholarsh	0.00					0.00	0.00
	81510	5800	815	School Stabilization	0.00					0.00	0.00
	30805		300	Sewer Contract Servic	0.00					0.00	0.00
	81524	4000	815	Transfer to Stabilizatio	400,000.00	0.00	400,000.00	0.00		400,000.00	0.00
	42230	5200	300	Transfer to Capital	50,000.00			50,000.00		50,000.00	0.00
	91051	6000	910	Town Hall Cupola A10	115,603.42	0.00	115,603.42			115,603.42	0.00
	21010	5110	210	Police	0.00					0.00	0.00
				Transfer to C/P	0.00					0.00	0.00
				Total OFU	565,603.42	0.00	515,603.42	50,000.00	0.00	565,603.42	0.00
				Grand Total	70,630,544.74	68,252,834.62	515,603.42	21,525.97	955,813.63	69,745,777.64	884,767.10

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Fund	Org #	Description	Fund Balance 6/30/96	Total Revenues	Total Expense	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Fund Balance 6/30/97
School Controlled Funds								
120	12042	School Lunch	42,703.35	1,333,018.09	1,209,073.79			166,647.65
150	15044	Athletic	20,072.31	51,434.89	21,525.75			49,981.45
155	15552	Adult Education	24,393.95	0.00	24,200.29			193.66
160	16046	Rink	161,630.78	366,986.80	407,939.55			120,678.03
165	16548	Rentals	19,593.83	109,674.88	117,056.62			12,212.09
170	17060	Insurance Recoveries	8,281.32	8,777.95	2,546.06			14,513.21
175	17558	Driver Education	31,898.67	20,883.00	25,320.00			27,461.67
180	18027	Middle School Activities	1,480.04	21,000.00	18,716.94			3,763.10
180	18054	Summer Enrichment	30,084.74	63,865.00	53,348.14			40,601.60
180	18056	SPED Claims - BEAM	265,390.07	282,574.02	244,600.44			303,363.65
190	19072	Chapter 1 95	3,757.58	0.00	3,757.58			0.00
190	19097	Asbestos Removal School	82,437.93	0.00	82,437.93			0.00
190	19150	915 IT Bond Technology GT	0.00	181,170.00	2,828.00			178,342.00
190	19551	Early Childhood Enrichment	0.00	65,650.00	56,672.44			8,977.56
190	19552	Block Grant Drop Out 97 552	0.00	11,000.48	10,746.82			253.66
190	19553	Sped Entitlement 97 553	0.00	319,255.00	298,375.77			20,879.23
190	19554	Chapter 1 97 554	0.00	162,741.56	160,097.88			2,643.68
190	19555	Safe Drug Free School 97 555	0.00	24,145.59	25,045.60			(900.01)
190	19556	Tobacco Grant 97 556	0.00	140,894.00	140,861.09			32.91
190	19557	After School Prog 97 557	0.00	25,670.00	27,747.00			(2,077.00)
190	19558	D.D. Eisenhower 97 558	0.00	13,980.00	13,271.32			708.68
190	19559	Goals Study Grp 97 559	0.00	18,340.00	18,646.05			(306.05)
190	19560	Palms Grant 97 560	0.00	6,100.00	4,125.15			1,974.85
190	19561	Compreh Litercy GT 97 561	0.00	11,500.00	11,500.00			0.00
190	19562	Advance Placement 97 562	0.00	7,833.00	7,779.97			53.03
190	19563	Portfolio Assmnt GT 97 563	0.00	5,000.00	4,532.29			467.71
190	19815	815 Serv to Support 96	13,996.85	0.00	13,996.85			0.00
190	19816	816 Dropout Prevention 96	754.48	0.00	754.48			0.00
190	19817	817 Eisenhwr Math/Sci 96	1,688.21	0.00	1,688.21			0.00
190	19818	818 Early Childhood 96	2,030.34	0.00	2,030.34			0.00
190	19819	819 Chapter 1 96	4,305.98	0.00	4,305.98			0.00
190	19820	820 Health Tobacco 96	3,937.80	0.00	3,937.80			0.00
190	19821	821 Drug Free Schools 96	1,146.59	0.00	1,146.59			0.00
190	19822	822 After School Innov	8.00	0.00	8.00			0.00
190	19823	823 Portfolio Assess 96	1,378.26	0.00	1,378.26			0.00
190	19824	824 Framework Impl 96	3,314.00	0.00	3,314.00			0.00
190	19825	825 Adv Placement Grant 96	1,010.94	0.00	1,010.94			0.00
		Total School Grants	725,296.02	3,251,494.26	3,026,323.92	0.00	0.00	950,466.36

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DPW Grants								
278	27831	Sewer Plant Connection Fees	379,744.30	153,802.37	0.00		0.00	533,546.67
278	27832	Inflow and Infiltration	83,506.26	49,463.10	0.00		0.00	132,969.36
254	25477	Filtration Plant	5,329.86	0.00	5,329.86		0.00	0.00
	Total DPW Grants		468,580.42	203,265.47	5,329.86	0.00	0.00	666,516.03
Other Special Revenues								
240	24085	Library LSCA Collec Dev G	786.65	0.00	786.65			0.00
240	24086	Library Meg	9,792.33	38,506.00	36,155.04			12,143.29
240	24087	LSCA Children's Technology	0.00	8,680.00	8,650.57			29.43
240	24095	Peritus Library Gift	981.31	0.00	949.20			32.11
242	24282	Arts Lottery	24,834.39	19,174.80	21,146.46			22,862.73
246	24684	Census	11,533.56	0.00	600.00			10,933.56
247	24793	Fed Grant Emergency Mgmt	0.00	151,300.00	56,138.33			95,161.67
248	24883	Elder Affairs	8,677.31	16,267.00	14,486.06			10,458.25
256	25675	Conservation Fund	8,740.00	0.00	0.00			8,740.00
258	25886	State Grant Elections	0.00	4,745.00	4,745.00			0.00
258	25887	Merk Medical Grant BOH	0.00	300.00	64.00			236.00
258	25888	State Grant Fluoride	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
258	25889	State Grant Tobacco	3,509.76	65,457.57	67,870.74			1,096.59
270	27036	County Dog Fund Grant	8,117.34	9,428.89	0.00		(8,117.34)	9,428.89
275	27598	Sale of Lots and Graves	106,573.62	27,560.00	0.00		(53,000.00)	81,133.62
276	27640	Planning Bonds Res. Exp	48,473.66	0.00	0.00			48,473.66
276	27633	Planning Board Forfeited	3,362.12	0.00	0.00			3,362.12
279	27929	Wetlands Protection Fund	32,868.90	9,487.50	0.00			42,356.40
279	27930	Conservation Commission 93	10,000.00	0.00	0.00			10,000.00
279	27931	Conservation Commission 91	2,770.42	0.00	0.00			2,770.42
280	28020	Cross Connect A25 94	2,474.34	95,370.31	26,208.00		(44,551.00)	27,085.65
290	29050	Insurance Recoveries Police	8,013.09	20,234.26	28,247.35			0.00
290	29051	Insurance Recoveries DPW	732.30	397.25	732.30			397.25
290	29052	Insurance Recoveries Tree	22.70	0.00	22.70			0.00
290	29053	Ins Recovery Water Treat	0.92	0.00	0.92			0.00
290	29056	Ins Recovery Fire	0.00	0.97	0.00			0.97
290	29057	Insurance Recoveries Sewer	114.31	0.00	114.31			0.00
290	29058	Insurance Recovery Town	2,910.00	0.00	2,910.00			0.00
290	29060	Insurance Recovery Recreatio	0.00	6,808.77	0.00			6,808.77
290	29062	Insurance Recovery Old Tow	0.00	2,910.00	2,910.00			0.00
290	29063	Insurance Recovery Highway	0.00	1,225.00	724.52			500.48
291	29164	Recreation Revolving	10,000.00	163,660.59	163,685.59			9,975.00
291	29167	Recret Comm Powers Fund	948.40	0.00	0.00			948.40
291	29168	Manning Park Donations	1,300.45	0.00	511.86			788.59
291	29173	Merr Valley Dive Team	1,688.51	3,640.00	0.00			5,328.51
293	29322	Forest Fund Revolving	1,120.00	0.00	0.00			1,120.00
294	29424	Dare Per Art 18 5/94	19,214.91	19,000.00	31,448.69			6,766.22
294	29425	Drug Recovery Funds	19,624.36	6,051.00	7,043.23			18,632.13
294	29426	Parking Fines Handicapped	2,965.00	2,525.00	0.00			5,490.00
294	29427	OBTN Bar Code Police	19,475.00	0.00	19,475.00			0.00
294	29428	Mobile Video Record Police	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
294	29429	Bullet Proof Vests Police	0.00	2,090.40	2,090.40			0.00
294	29430	Alcohol Bev Control	0.00	865.93	865.93			0.00
294	29431	Community Policing	19,480.00	20,000.00	30,588.00			8,892.00
294	29432	Cops Fast	0.00	74,344.44	0.00			74,344.44
294	29433	Cops More	0.00	75,000.00	0.00			75,000.00
294	29435	Law Enforcement Blk Grant	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00			0.00
296	29610	Billerica Plan Grants	274.44	0.00	45.20			229.24
296	29611	Recycling Donations	114.19	1,037.25	576.58			574.86
296	29612	U.S. Dept of Housing HUD	0.00	20,790.03	20,790.03			0.00
296	29613	Trash Barrels Lions Club	0.00	1,000.00	0.00			1,000.00
296	29620	Veterans Grants	1,465.58	507.00	1,076.63			895.95
297	29746	Community Devel Blk Grant	0.00	21,500.00	18,903.44			2,596.56
	Total Other Special Revenue		392,959.87	892,364.96	573,062.73	0.00	(105,668.34)	606,593.76
	Total Special Revenue		1,586,836.31	4,347,124.69	3,604,716.51	0.00	(105,668.34)	2,223,576.15

Town of Billerica
Analysis of Capital Projects Funds
June 30, 1997

Fund	Org #	Description	Fund Balance 6/30/96	Total Revenues	Total Expense	Bond Proceeds	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Fund Balance 6/30/97
300	30803	A23 5/87 Inflow Account	27,839.87	0.00	27,839.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
330	33001	School Cap Improv	827,313.06	0.00	510,254.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	317,058.11
330	33002	School Roof A9 10/94 1.2M	134,287.23	0.00	61,911.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	72,376.19
330	33003	School Portbl Class A42 596	584,218.00	0.00	584,218.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
330	33004	Hefferman Aud A48 5/96	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
330	33005	Ditson Elementary School	0.00	0.00	203.59	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	49,796.41
300	30804	Waste Wtr Declor A13 5/94	2,318.52	0.00	2,318.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
300	30805	C28/29 Sewer A7 5/94	2,678,463.00	86,831.68	2,273,705.39	3,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,491,589.29
300	30806	RD Eng Rep A11 94 A3 95	41,523.21	0.00	3,937.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	37,585.96
300	30807	Cemetery Art 4 6 93 A3 95	6,497.36	0.00	6,444.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	52.54
300	30808	Equipment Art#3 6/93	(1,947.00)	1,947.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
300	30809	Comm Septc Mgmt Prog BOH	0.00	18,000.00	2,511.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,489.00
300	30811	C25 Sewer Lines	(22,632.10)	0.00	0.00	22,632.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
300	30812	Sewer K24	(68,087.18)	0.00	0.00	68,087.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
300	30813	Drainage Wk Bd of Health	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00
300	30814	Lateral Sewers C27	90,142.25	(86,831.68)	3,310.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
300	30815	WTP Improv. A2+8 10/93	2,037,263.33	750.00	1,901,459.38	1,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,636,553.95
300	30816	Roadway Mgmt Various St	0.00	0.00	521,677.94	800,000.00	0.00	0.00	278,322.06
300	30817	New Library Building Fund	0.00	0.00	85,692.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	(85,692.83)
300	30818	Griggs Farm Land Purch	(1,035,000.00)	330,000.00	0.00	705,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
300	30838	K26 Lateral Sewers	(57,527.02)	3,705.30	0.00	53,821.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
300	30840	Sewer Plant Eng A 36 5/96	190,000.00	0.00	102,002.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	87,997.61
390	39004	Chapter 90 MA 34109	0.00	50,850.00	50,850.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
390	39005	Chapter 90 MA 34675	0.00	0.00	271.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	(271.63)
390	39007	Chapter 90 MA 35091	(127,166.19)	89,187.11	39,234.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	(77,213.36)
390	39008	Chapter 90 MA 35450	(461,444.06)	571,069.37	173,069.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	(63,444.35)
390	39009	Chapter 90 MA 35805	(142,769.24)	278,273.02	208,021.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	(72,517.78)
390	39010	Chapter 90 MA 36507	0.00	133,209.00	133,209.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.50)
		Total Capital Projects	4,711,294.04	1,476,990.80	6,692,144.17	6,149,541.00	50,000.00	0.00	5,695,681.67

BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeal is a Quasi-Judicial Board, which operates under the mandates of Massachusetts General Laws Annotated Chapter 40A and the Billerica Zoning By-Laws. The Board consists of five members and two alternate members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The members receive no financial compensation for their services to the Board.

The Board scheduled hearings on an average of twice a month in 1997 to handle the numerous petitions filed with the Town Clerk. Petitions heard by the Board are open to the public as established under Chapter 40A, 40B and 808 of Massachusetts General Laws.

To be granted a Variance, the petitioner must show the Board that owing to circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape, or topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or structures, but not effecting generally the zoning district in which it is located, a literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance or by-law would involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise to the petitioner or appellant. Also, the petitioner must show the Board that by granting the petition, it would not be a substantial detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent and purpose of such ordinance or Zoning By-Law.

To be granted a Special Permit, the petitioner must show how the public convenience and welfare will be substantially served and how it will not impair the status of the neighborhood, that the permission requested will be in harmony with the general purposes and intent of the regulations in the Zoning By-Laws. Under Chapter 40A, to grant a Variance or a Special Permit, the petitioner has to receive four affirmative votes from a five member board. Two negative votes will deny the petitioner a variance or Special Permit for two years.

The Zoning Board of Appeal follows Chapter 40B of Massachusetts General Laws when conducting public hearings for Comprehensive Permits. Hearings must be scheduled within 30 days from the date the petition is filed with the Town Clerk. The Board has 40 days after the termination of

the hearing to render their decision. Approval for a Comprehensive Permit requires a majority vote of the Board.

The Board of Appeal conducted a total of 183 hearings in 1997. The Board shall hold a hearing within 65 days and must vote to grant or deny a Variance request within 100 days from the date the request was filed at the Town Clerk's Office. The Board shall hold a hearing for a Special Permit within 65 days of filing the request and must vote to grant or deny within 90 days from the hearing. Failure of the Board to vote on a Variance or Special Permit within the legal time frame results in an automatic granting of the petitioner's request.

Even though many of the cases are similar, each case is voted on its own individual merits. There are many issues to be considered before voting. Each decision is made in the best interest of the Town of Billerica and its residents.

The Board of Appeal would like to thank our clerk, Jane M. Nolan, for her continuous dedication and professionalism to the Board and the general public. Also, appreciation is given to our Town Counsel, Town Clerk's Office, Town Manager's Office and other town departments for their cooperation and continued support during 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris M. Pearson
Chairman

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors completed a review of property values for Fiscal Year 1998. Residential values were not increased for FY98 while commercial/industrial values were increased an average of 10% from Fiscal Year 1997 assessments. The Bureau of Local Assessment of the State Department of Revenue issued certification for the Town of Billerica in November 1997. The Tax Classification Hearing to set the Fiscal Year 1998 tax rate was held on November 17, 1997, and the 3rd Quarter actual tax bills were mailed timely on December 31, 1997.

The total assessed value of the Town of Billerica for Fiscal Year 1998 is $2,235,310,228. The total amount to be raised locally by the community is $45,240,591.67. The Fiscal Year 1998 tax rates are $15.45 residential and $34.92 commercial/industrial/personal property.

CLASSIFIED TAX LEVIES AND RATE

Class	Levy %	Levy By Class	Valuation	Tax Rate
Residential	57.5699	26,044,963.38	1,685,487,493	15.45
Commercial	9.3554	4,232,438.31	121,230,635	34.92
Industrial	28.2038	12,759,565.99	365,474,000	34.92
Personal	4.8709	2,203,623.98	63,118,100	34.92

The Board of Assessors wishes to thank its appraisal and clerical staff for their efforts throughout the fiscal year. We also wish to thank the public for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Town of Billerica Board of Assessors
Richard J. Scanlon, Chairman

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Buildings for the calendar year 1997. The Building Department is charged with enforcement of the Massachusetts State Building Code, Architectural Access Board Requirements, Town of Billerica Zoning By-law, and all other pertinent laws including State Electrical, Plumbing and Gas Codes. The total fees collected by this department has increased 39.2% over last year. The total fees collected by this department were $619,439.41, as compared to $444,829.00 for 1996.

PERMIT ISSUANCE INFORMATION

Single Family Dwellings	112	
Additions and Alterations	308	
Roofing and Siding	178	
Structures (pools, sheds, etc.)	156	
Commercial and Industrial	9	(Est. Cost $13,055,603.00)
Add. & Alt. to Comm./Indus.	130	(Est. Cost $22,108,427.00)
Reoccupancy Permits	20	
Demolitions	26	
Wood Stoves	26	
Trailers	16	
Total Permits	981	
Occupancy Permits	383	
Sign Permits	46	
Grandfather Lots	34	
Certificates of Inspection	123	
Estimated Cost of Building Permits Issued:		$49,963,358.00
Total Building Permit Fees Collected:		$472,102.41

ZONING REPORT

Zoning Violation Inspections	1,009	
Structural Inspections	2,299	
Licenses	140	
Denials	92	
Letters of Intent	106	
Stop Work Orders	89	
Zoning Violations	199	
Court Magistrates Hearings	94	
Pre-Ticket Process	199	
Total Plumbing & Gas Fees Collected and Turned In:		$34,669.00
Total Plumbing and Gas Permits		1,627
Total Electrical Permit Fees Collected and Turned In		$112,668.00
Total Electrical Permits Issued		938
Total Fees Collected and Turned In for Department		$619,439.41

I would like to thank Angela Capen, Head Clerk, Kathleen Garvin, Senior Clerk, Stephanie Hall, Junior Clerk, David Lenzie and Christopher Clemente, Local Inspectors, William Callahan, Plumbing & Gas Inspector, and Anthony Iovanna, Inspector of Wires for their dedication and professionalism in assisting the public to accomplish expediting their permits

Respectfully submitted,

Ruthanne A. Bossi
Inspector of Buildings

CEMETERY COMMISSION

In 1997, there were 158 burials in the Town Cemeteries. During the past fiscal year, $110,580.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer. These receipts represent the amount of money collected by the Cemetery Department from the sale of lots, perpetual care, opening charges, and marker installations.

We wish to thank our employees for their continued devotion to their work. Thanks are also extended to the various town departments who have helped us throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles O. Faria
Superintendent of Cemeteries

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, the following report for the year ending December 31, 1997, is hereby submitted:

Vital statistics recorded in 1997:

Births	512
Marriages	196
Deaths	254

These records were placed on permanent file in this office and certified copies issued upon request.

During 1997, two Town Meetings were held – the Annual Town Meeting in May lasting seven sessions, and the Fall Town Meeting in October consisting of four sessions. Summaries of the meetings are included in this Town Report. Complete text of the action taken can be obtained from the Permanent records on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Zoning and general by-law amendments and charter changes were submitted to the Attorney General for approval. All other articles were certified and distributed to the appropriate places. Zoning and General By-laws were entered into the computer database and made available to interested persons.

The Town Election was held on April 5th, 1997. Absentee ballots were mailed to all persons requesting same. As allowed by law, absentee voting was also done in the Town Clerk's office until noon the day before elections. Campaign Finance Forms were issued to all candidates for Town Offices, except Town Meeting Members, as required by law, and returned forms were monitored for compliance.

Raffle and bazaar permits and gasoline storage registration renewals, business certificates, uniform commercial code filings and Sunday entertainment licenses were issued and filed as mandated by M.G.L. Applications to and decisions of the Board of Appeals were received, recorded and certified as per M.G.L., Chapter 40A.

A total of 2,316 1997 dog licenses were issued. All dogs three months of age and older are required by law to be licensed as of January 1 each year. Any dog not licensed by March 10th is subject to a $10.00 late fine.

FEES COLLECTED

U.C.C.-Filings, Discharges & Searches	$ 9,188.00
Certified Copies	12,489.00
Marriage Licenses	3,055.00
Business Certificates	4,270.00
Photocopies	222.30
Pole/Conduit Locations	844.00
Voter I.D. Cards	195.00
Zoning/General By-laws	2,030.00
Gasoline Storage Permits	785.00
Miscellaneous	811.64
Sunday Licenses	4,498.00
General Licenses	720.00
Common Victualer Licenses	150.00
Liquor Licenses	333.30
Class I, II, III Licenses	150.00
Street Listing Books	715.00
Dog Licenses	15,519.25
Additional Dog License Fees	2,266.00
Dog License Late Fees	1,810.00
Fish & Wildlife Licenses	8,839.70
Total	$68,891.19

My sincere appreciation to all those persons who have assisted this department. It has been a pleasure working with each of you. My special thanks to my dedicated office staff, Assistant Town Clerk Margaret Ryan, Principal Clerk Joan McDonald, and Senior Clerk Donna McCoy. Their loyalty, support and dedication to serving residents of Billerica is to be commended.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley E. Schult, CMC, CMMC
Town Clerk

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission consists of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms of three years each. They maintain an office in the Town Hall and have a staff of three people (Environmental Investigator, Martin Houlne; Secretary, Patricia Simpson; and Conservation Assistant, Jennifer Carlino).

As in the past, the Nicola Micozzi Beach, located on Nutting Lake Conservation Land, was opened to the public. The Beach celebrated its eleventh year. The Conservation Commission would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Recreation Department staff, Recreation Commission Members and all of the summer

staff for providing the Town with many fun-filled activities and overseeing the safety and administrative tasks for operation of the Beach.

Also, members of the Commission collaborated with members of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Recreation Commission, Middlesex Canal Commission and various other Boards and Committees to assist the Town's Consultants Valley Environmental Services and the Conway School of Landscape Design in their preparation of an Open Space and Recreation Plan. This Plan was completed in September after approximately one year of hard work. The Conservation Commission would like to thank the Consultants for the professional job they did in putting this Plan together and would also like to thank all the Town Officials and residents who donated their free time to attend meetings and work on this important project.

During the past year, the following individuals donated property totaling 15.35 acres to the Town as Conservation Land:

1. Patrick and Michael Cullen donated 0.23 acres on Edgehill Road.
2. Mrs. Elena Matarazza donated 0.172 acres on Stoney Drive.
3. Evelyn J. Neias donated 0.84 acres on Riverdale Road.
4. Nancy Solomon both donated 0.95 acres on Riverdale Road.
5. Willard Perkins, Trustee of the Black Brook Realty Trust, donated 12.7 acres on McLennan Way adjacent to Warren H. Manning State Forest.
6. Ms. Helene Prull donated 0.46 acres adjacent to Route 3.

The Commission would like to thank the donors for their generosity and concern for the environment. They have exhibited a sense of pride in the Town of Billerica by donating land for the preservation of natural areas and for passive recreational use by current and future residents. Again, special thanks to all those who gave their property.

Changes over the past year were not limited to the Conservation Land inventory. The Commission itself experienced a few changes in membership. On February 10, 1997, Ellen Joy was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jason Haroutunian in November 1996. Jonathan Lyna was then appointed on June 25, 1997, to replace Robert Donati, who resigned after he moved from Billerica. Also in June, James Miller and JoAnne Giovino were reappointed to new three year terms.

This past summer was one of the busiest for the Conservation Commission in terms of administering and enforcing the Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40), the Rivers Protection Act (Chapter 258 of the Acts of 1996), and the new State Guidelines for Stormwater Management. This past year there were 645 Building Permit Pre-applications reviewed and signed. Also, 45 Wetlands Permits filings and 20 Requests for Determination of Applicability were filed. The following is a list of Hearings held:

- 44 original Wetlands Hearings;
- 63 Wetlands Continuance Hearings;
- 6 Modification Hearings;
- 1 Modification Continuance;
- 20 Determination Hearings; and
- 9 Determination Continuances.

and official Documents issued

- 13 Certificates of Compliance;
- 44 Signed Orders of Condition
- 1 Denial Order of Condition;
- 7 Status Letters.

For the year, twenty-one Regular Meetings were held and one meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. The Conservation Commission meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the Town Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. These are Public Hearings and all are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Beloin, Jr., Chairman
Judith Amelotte, Vice Chairman
Jonathan Lyna, Secretary
Diane DePaso
JoAnne Giovino
James Miller
Ellen Joy

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging continues to add programs specifically to help needy seniors. We are particularly proud of our transportation program. Several volunteers make themselves available, on call, to drive the elderly to doctor and hospital appointments.

Our new affiliation with our sister Senior Center in Germany is proving to be an educational experience for all of us. We are presently starting a "pen pal" program with seniors in Germany and are looking forward to meeting with our pen pals in the near future.

Space continues to be a problem and causes us much frustration, and we are hopeful that a larger facility will be available to us in the very near future.

In any case, we are proud of the progress we are making and will continue to do the best we can with what we have.

Dorothy A. Cox
Chairman

FIRE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to submit the annual report of the Billerica Fire Department for the period January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997.

The department responded to 4,141 fire incidents in 1997. The fire incidents for 1997 are broken down as follows:

Brush/grass/rubbish	206
Dumpsters	32
Building fires	63
Vehicle fires	54
Accidental alarms	46
False alarm/street box	10
False alarm/detectors	409
Investigations	314
Mutual aid given	31
Rescues	10
Medical emergency calls	1,239
Hazardous materials	37
Bomb scares	1
Vehicle lockouts	574
House lockouts	38
Illegal burning	138
Plug-in/out boxes	297
Vehicle accidents	243
Miscellaneous calls	167
Carbon monoxide investigations	95
Electrical investigations	91
Water problems	46
Total	4,141

The following is the report of the major activities of the Fire Prevention Bureau between January 1, 1997, and December 31, 1997.

I. PUBLIC FIRE EDUCATION
- A. Fire Drills held in eleven public schools, elderly housing complexes, and House of Correction facility.
- B. Public fire safety activities - 27

II. FIRE INVESTIGATIONS
- A. Fire causes & determinations - 28
- B. Vehicle fires investigated - 20
- C. Blasting incidents investigated - 4

III. CODE ENFORCEMENT
- A. General fire inspections - 396
- B. Complaints investigated - 47
- C. Order of Notices issued - 9
- D. Nursing home inspections - 8
- E. Places of assembly inspected - 27
- F. Gas stations inspected - 8
- G. Underground tank inspections - 24
- H. Oil burner inspections - 62
- I. Woodstove/chimney inspections - 29

IV. PLANS REVIEW
- A. Sprinkler plans approved/tested - 164
- B. Fire alarm systems approved/tested - 222
- C. Planning Board plans reviewed - 39
- D. Building Department plans reviewed (commercial) - 174

E. Building Department plans reviewed (residential) - 342

F. Application for woodstove approved - 28

V. MISCELLANEOUS

A. New municipal fire alarm boxes approved - 11

B. Knox box security systems approved - 9

VI. PERMITS ISSUED - 1997

A. Open burning permits - 4,433

B. Smoke detector certificates issued - 653

C. Occupancy permits sign-off - 323

D. Selectmen's license renewal, certificates - 27

E. Application for flammable storage license approved - 4

F. Smokeless and black powder - 13

G. Flammable/combustibles - 111

H. L.P. gas storage - 46

I. Blasting permits - 43

J. Tank truck inspections - 20

K. Underground tank removal - 23
Underground tank installation - 7

L. Tank and piping test - 12

M. Sprinkler permits - 79

N. Fire alarm (commercial) - 51
Fire alarm (residential) - 178

O. Fixed suppression systems - 4

P. Oil burners - 65

Q. Cutting/welding - 14

R. UST storage facility - 18

PERMIT FEES COLLECTED - 1997 $13,125.00

During 1997, Billerica Firefighters were professionally trained on the following topics:

Fire Pump Operations
Aerial Ladder Operations
Firefighter Safety and Survival
Hazardous Materials
Confined Space and Trench Rescue Safety and Survival
Vehicle Extrication
Fighting Flammable Liquids Fires
Fire Hose Evolutions and Testing
Water Rescue
Heavy Stream Appliances and Water Flows
Public Fire Education
Prevention of Infectious Diseases
Semi-Automatic Defibrillators
Scott Airpak; Search and Rescue
First Responder Medical
Emergency Medical Technician Refresher
CPR Recertification
Incident Command System
Personal Alert Safety Devices (PASS)
Multi Gas Meter
Carbon Monoxide Response and Investigation
AMTRAK Emergency Procedures
MBTA and Bus Emergency Procedures
Emergency Elevator Procedures

During 1997, the Billerica Fire Department made familiarization visits to collect field information at commercial buildings/businesses. MOCK disaster drills were conducted at Dupont Merck, Life Care Center of Merrimack Valley, and MATE 1997 disaster drill in Lowell. All fire hoses, Scott Airpaks, fire pumps, and other fire suppression equipment were service tested during 1997.

The Fire Department would like to thank all other Town Departments and Town Officials for their help and cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony E. Capaldo
Fire Chief

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health presents this as its annual report for 1997. The Board currently consists of Arnold Ventresca, Chairman; Bernard Hoar, Vice Chairman; Marie O'Rourke, Secretary; Wallace Mallett, Robert Reader, and Susan Hayes, Recording Clerk.

The office of the Health Department, Division of Administration and Division of Food Service Sanitation is comprised of John Morris, Director; Joe Reale, Sanitarian; Barbara Cochran, Health Agent; Nancy Higgins, Principal Clerk; and Eileen Oliveira, Junior Clerk.

During 1997, the Division of Food Service Sanitation was responsible for the inspections, plan reviews and necessary enforcement actions for nearly 200 permits issued by the Health Department. In addition to food service establishment inspections, the division conducts weekly inspections of public/semi-public swimming

pools during the peak months of the year and monthly inspections of indoor pools. Also inspected are Suntanning Salons and Health Clubs.

The Division of Environment/Community Health Sanitation is staffed by Mr. Richard Berube, Deputy Director, Mr. William McDowell, Health Agent, and Ms. Barbara Cochran, who also shares duties within this division. This division processed 326 complaints during the year 1997. The Health Department has been able to implement a systematic approach for the processing, investigating and resolving of complaints, which range from failing septic systems, illegal dumping, odor problems, hazardous waste investigations, and noise problems. These inspectors are also responsible for emergency calls. Mr. Berube is responsible for septic system repairs and upgrades in accordance with Title 5, State Environmental Regulations. Mr. Morris shares responsibility and oversees construction of septic systems for new homes. In 1997, the department issued 114 septic system permits. This number has remained constant due to real estate sales, which require inspection and repair work to be performed. Aside from the constant number of septic system upgrades required, the new testing procedures continue to place tremendous time burdens on the department. However, the department has met these demands in a satisfactory manner.

The Division of Community Nursing is currently staffed by Cheryl Marland, R.N. Mrs. Marland has done a tremendous job to provide many clinics and community wellness programs, which is a major function of a local health department.

During 1997, the Public Health Nurse attended to 287 residents during morning clinics, provided 1,715 elder citizens with health screenings, 136 Mantoux tests, implemented a Hepatitis B program to 32 citizens, accommodated 2,050 Billerica residents during our Annual Flu Clinic and 153 residents during our Pneumonia Clinic. These are just a representative sample of the health programs provided. In addition to these duties, the Community Nursing Division handled all communicable disease reports and follow-up action.

During the year 1997, the Health Department staff reviewed and approved 874 Building Permits and issued 114 new septic system permits. Associated with these permits was all administrative functions and field inspections necessary to insure compliance. In addition, the department issued 10 Well Permits, 23 Septage Haulers Permits, 32 Disposal Works Installers Permits, 4 Funeral Director Permits, 8 Suntanning Salon Permits and 2 Health Club Permits. Also, the department issued 1,201 White Good Disposal Permits. All administrative processes and inspections were performed accordingly.

During 1997, the Health Department also issued 8 Public/Semi-Public Swimming Pool Permits, 9 Asbestos Removal Permits, 6 Massage/Muscle Therapy Establishments, 11 Massage/Muscle Therapist Permits. A total of 47 variances were granted by the Board of Health in 1997, which were administered by the Health Department.

The Division of Animal Control is staffed by Mr. Harry Peary who performs all barn and horse inspections prior to issuance of permits from the Director of Public Health. During 1997, 30 Horse and Barn Permits were issued.

In addition to day-to-day operations, the Health Department reviews all Subdivision Plans, Site Plans, Variance Requests, Waiver Requests and all agenda items in preparation for the Board of Health meetings. It prepares recommendations for all matters before the Board and is responsible for all follow-up actions on behalf of the Board of Health.

Finally, the Health Department is proud of its Annual Health and Recreation Fair, which was held on Saturday, April 12, 1997. The event has become a tremendous success in providing the town residents with valuable services, information and opportunities to achieve optimum wellness, all at no cost. The Board of Health has established an excellent working relationship with the Recreation Department, which has resulted in an immeasurable benefit to the

residents of Billerica. The Board would like to formally extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Joe Higgins and his staff at the Recreation Department and a thank you to the Health and Recreation Fair Committee Members which consist of Mr. John Morris, Mr. Joe Higgins, Ms. Cheryl Marland, Ms. Olga Symes, Mr. Dave Stanley, Ms. Diane Stanley, Ms. Dianne Bone, Mr. Bernard Hoar and Ms. Jeanne Burl.

The Health Department is looking forward to 1998 as a very productive year and will always strive to provide residents with the service they rightfully deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Ventresca
Chairman

HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION

The Commission consists of seven regular members, four alternates and Town Planner, Peter Kennedy, as a non-voting ex-officio.

Regular Members:
- Debra Fox
- James Heiberg
- Carl Herrmann
- Susan Miller
- Terry O'Neil
- Debra Wolf
- Richard Young

Alternate Members:
- Marie Dube
- David Fitch
- Scott O'Neil
- Stephen Wetzel

Officers:

Richard Young	Chairman
Terry O'Neil	Vice Chairman & Co-Secretary
Debra Wolf	Co-Secretary

The first scheduled meeting, in 1997, of the Billerica Historic Districts Commission was held on January 9, 1997.

Meetings were held the first and third Thursday of each month, beginning at 7:30 p.m. and adjourning as necessary. Special meetings were also held on alternate dates as needed. All meetings held were posted as required with the Town Clerk.

During the Spring and Fall Town Meetings, the Commission changed their regularly scheduled meetings to the first and third Wednesday of each month until Town Meeting was adjourned.

The Commission reviewed twenty-eight Applications for Certificates in 1997. Of the twenty-eight Applications, twenty-three were accepted and approved as Certificates of Appropriateness, three of them were conditions, and five Applications were accepted and approved as Certificates of Non-Applicability. Three previously approved Applications were approved for amendment for changes and two Applications expired were renewed after notification to owners. One Application was voided due to owner's request.

Eight violation letters were sent to homeowners and businesses for work already in progress or completed on their properties without prior submission of an Application to the Commission.

Road construction began on many streets in Town in 1997, as well as on streets within some of the Historic Districts. Letters were sent to the DPW and the Massachusetts Historical Commission where State funding was involved for review of the projects.

The property on 2 Old Elm Street, which was in the Billerica Mills Historic District, was demolished due to the building being deemed unsafe by the Inspector of Buildings. Two Public Hearings were held, one for the proposed demolition of the property on 30 Concord Road, due to the damage caused by fire, and the proposal of moving the Captain Gorham House from 473 Boston Road to the Concord Road site, and another hearing on the partial demolition and new addition to the rear of the same Concord Road property.

Final review of the plans for The Danforth Village Development on Boston Road, which is elderly housing, was finalized during 1997 and construction began.

Due to the persistence of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, our Board, other Historical Boards in Town and concerned citizens, the Train Depot Building was saved and is now under rehabilitation.

Detailed Minutes of the Billerica Historic Districts Commission's meetings have been filed with the Board of Selectmen and are available for review by the public at the Billerica Public Library.

We wish to thank all of the residents and townspeople who have supported the Commission during the past year and who have contributed in making a difference in the preservation of the historical future of the Town of Billerica.

We look forward to working together with the Board of Selectmen in 1998 to preserve and protect the Historic character of Billerica.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Wolf
Co-Secretary

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Billerica Historical Commission meets regularly on the first Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall. In its role as an official agent of municipal government responsible for community-wide planning for historical preservation, many of its activities are interrelated with those of other town boards. Its most important functions are to preserve and categorize historically significant properties, structures and landmarks.

An all-day charrette was held at the Town Hall in February for the purpose of continuing the preservation of the Billerica section of the historic Middlesex Canal and discussing plans for a Park in the vicinity of the millpond at North Billerica. Commission members participated actively, with several members providing a history of the milldam, a slide show and a guided tour of the area.

We were happy to work with the Manning Association in taking steps toward recognition of the Manning Manse, the town's oldest documented building (1696). Ravaged by fire in 1994, this historic landmark, after narrowly escaping demolition, was faithfully and lovingly restored by the Manning Association and nominated by the Historical Commission for an award by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The monumental task of preparing the nomination application was well worth the effort when the Manse was one of only twelve recipients of the State's coveted Preservation Awards for 1997. The gala celebration at the State House was a decided highlight during our year.

After an eight-year struggle, our Commission, with guidance from the Massachusetts Historical Commission, was able to substantiate our contention that the North Billerica Railroad Depot was indeed salvageable. Restoration of the structure has been funded by a $500,000 ISTEA grant.

Cooperation from all parties involved (MBTA, LRTA, MHC) has resulted in compromises for all. Although our Commission regrets the forthcoming greater need for parking spaces along with traffic in an already congested locality, we join the many residents who rejoice over the restoration of this small building which once played a necessary role in many lives.

We have expressed our concerns by letter to MHC and by participation at local Planning Board meetings over the adverse effect on the historic character of Concord Road which recent large-scale corporate development is creating. Concord Road's Scenic Road designation and a proposed Hill Machine Shop Local Historic District are threatened by the heightened activity.

It appears that the proposed demolition of the attractive locally inventoried Capital Gorham House (1845) at 473 Boston Road

will not occur. Prospective owners who will make it their residence will preserve the home's historic character. The structure will be moved to an appropriate setting to accommodate the construction of an Osco Drug Store.

The placing of CIRCA signs which indicate the original owners and date of Billerica's historic homes is progressing slowly due to the constraints of our budget. In addition, the Commission continues to publish our newsletter CIRCA, which is distributed locally and to MHC.

In conclusion, we note with regret the demolition of the Bowman Tavern (1804) at the intersection of Middlesex Turnpike and Lexington Road. It is difficult to preserve such historic buildings without the support of the community and the cooperation of the developers.

Respectfully submitted,

Alec Ingraham, Chairman
Carol P. Bruyere, Recording Secretary
Virginia R. Maguire, Corresponding Sec'y
Members:
Elizabeth M. Cleary
Margaret B. Ingraham
Helen R. Knight
Peter R. Woodbury

HOUSING AUTHORITY

At our Annual Meeting, held April 7, 1997, the following officers were elected:

Elizabeth F. McCarthy	Chairman
Walter Coakley	Vice Chairman
Dorothy Pearson	Treasurer
William Flaherty, Jr.	Assistant Treasurer
Stewart Wood	Member

Mrs. Carol Ford was reappointed Executive Director.

The Billerica Housing Authority has completed 29 years in the Management Phase of its housing, consisting of 259 units. Our 705 Family Housing, Section 8, and Special Needs Programs are all under lease.

Mr. John Daly, Jr., resigned after 15 years of being on the Housing Authority Board. Mr. Daly moved to the Town of Bedford.

Mr. Stewart Wood was elected to the Housing Authority Board in April 1997.

We would like to publicly thank the Board of Selectmen and all Town Boards for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth F. McCarthy
Chairman

LOWELL REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

The Lowell Regional Transit Authority provides fixed route bus service between Billerica and Lowell and paratransit transportation service for Billerica's disabled residents and senior citizens via the LRTA's Road Runner Dial-A-Ride service.

The regular fixed route bus service operates Monday through Saturday with the first bus leaving Billerica for Lowell at 7:05 a.m. and the last bus leaving Lowell for Billerica at 5:20 p.m. There are ten (10) round trips per weekday and five (5) round trips on Saturdays. Fares are seventy cents ($.70) within Billerica and one dollar ($1.00) between Lowell and Billerica. Senior citizens and the disabled pay half fare. The LRTA "PASSPORT" is available to Billerica residents at a cost of twenty-five dollars ($25.00), which entitles the bearer to travel on all LRTA bus service routes and the MVRTA's Lowell to Lawrence route as well. The South Lowell bus route (#03) extension to the North Billerica train station continues to offer nineteen (19) trips daily to and from Lowell for a one-way fare of seventy cents ($.70). Billerica's total fixed route ridership was 14,642 in Fiscal Year 1997. This represents an 8.7% increase in ridership when compared with the previous fiscal year's total of 13,397.

The fixed route bus service is provided by LoLaw Transit Management, Inc., under contract to the LRTA. For full information regarding the regular bus route service, residents should call 452-6161.

The Road Runner Dial-A-Ride bus service continues to accommodate many trip purposes including work, medical, shopping, recreational and social. The Road Runner service operates from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays with a 24-hour call-in-advance notice needed to arrange trips. Service is available to Billerica residents over 60 years of age and individuals of any age with a permanent or temporary disability.

One-way fares cost fifty cents ($.50) within Billerica and eighty cents ($.80) to Chelmsford on Mondays; to Lowell on Tuesdays; and to Burlington on Fridays. Medical trips to Boston are available Tuesday through Friday. The one-way fare is two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50). Medical trips to Tewksbury are also available on Wednesdays. The one-way fare costs eighty cents ($.80). Service is also provided to the Billerica Council on Aging's activities and to their daily lunch program.

Ridership for the Road Runner service was 13,697 in Fiscal Year 1997. The Road Runner service is operated by Omni Bus Co. under contract to the LRTA. All LRTA Road Runner vehicles are wheelchair lift-equipped and provide curb-to-curb service. For service requests and further information, the number to call is 670-5775.

Commuter rail service between the North Billerica Station and Boston is operated by AMTRAK under contract to the MBTA. Twenty-one (21) round trips are provided on weekdays with eight (8) round trips on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The one-way interzone fare between North Billerica and Lowell is one dollar and fifty cents ($1.50). The round trip fare to Boston is six dollars and fifty cents ($6.50). Over 450,000 passenger trips were served to and from the North Billerica commuter rail station in 1997. Billerica commuters to Lowell disembark at the Gallagher Intermodal Transportation Center and continue to avail themselves of the convenient LRTA shuttle every 15 minutes to Downtown Lowell with the opportunity for connection to all LRTA routes. The LRTA is continuing construction of a $1.0 million expansion of the North Billerica Commuter Rail Station and the $500,000 rehabilitation of the North Billerica Station House with the cooperation of the Town of Billerica and the MBTA.

Bus connections to most cities in the United States can also be made at the Gallagher Intermodal Transportation Center as Peter Pan, Vermont Transit, Greyhound and Michaud Bus ("Foxwoods Casino Special") all make regular daily stops there. For further information regarding commuter rail and intercity bus service, residents may call 459-7101 or 1-800-392-6100. For additional information regarding times and rates, residents may call 1-800-245-2525 or 603-893-8254.

The entire LRTA bus fleet is completely handicapped accessible with 35 wheelchair lift-equipped buses providing transit service to Billerica and the Greater Lowell Region. The LRTA is one of the few transit authorities in the nation that can make this claim.

The LRTA also provides service to residents of Billerica and Greater Lowell by linking with the MBTA system at the Billerica/Burlington Town Line. The LRTA's Billerica (BI) bus route now connects with the MBTA's bus routes numbers "350" and "352" in Burlington at the intersection of Cambridge and Chestnut Streets (Route 3A). This link makes possible many connections, including express service, to the Lahey Clinic, the Burlington Mall and Boston. In addition, Greater Boston residents now have a direct bus connection to points of interest in Billerica and Greater Lowell. For further information on this service and all other LRTA routes, residents may call 452-6161.

Billerica's Representative to the Lowell Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board is Arthur Doyle.

The LRTA Administrator is Robert B. Kennedy.

MIDDLESEX CANAL COMMISSION

The Middlesex Canal, Billerica Segment, meets monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at the Town Hall. We are a part of the State Middlesex Canal Commission who are trying to preserve as much of the existing parts of the Canal as possible.

A walk of the Mill Pond area, led by Alex Ingraham, was held the first week of February. The walk was enjoyed by the group, as well as many historical facts learned. It was of interest to many to learn that the Mill Pond furnished all the water for the entire Canal, a distance of twenty-six miles.

The following week an all-day charrette, an intensive design session, was held with eighty-five people registering. In the morning, a program of speeches and a video was given, then the group divided into teams. Each group made a list of their ideas, plans, dreams and sketches for a Mill Pond Park. Two presentation boards were compiled from the lists and shown at one of the Spring Town Meetings and displayed at the Library for a month. Later, this information was to be given to the successful design architect for consideration.

The Middlesex Canal Commission is working with the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments to get transportation enhancement funding for the work.

A clean-up of the portion of the Canal which runs along Lowell Street from the North Billerica Fire Station to Boston Road was planned in April. The inmates of the Community Work Program, House of Correction, helped us, along with volunteers and members. There was so much debris that they were only able to get about half the distance done. This part made the Canal route visible. A marker, naming the Canal, was installed on the part cleaned up. It was decided to wait until fall and the leaves had fallen to finish the rest of the route. In November, the inmates of the Community Program again, along with volunteers and members, tried to finish the rest of the distance. The weather was not too cooperative, so there remains a short distance to finish. This will be done in the Spring of 1998.

Each of the nine cities and towns the Canal went through was given a monument by the Middlesex Canal Commission many years ago. The High Street Bridge took many years being rebuilt, then wire was put up on both sides of the street nearby, and the Billerica monument was not installed. Through the kindness of Safesite Corporation and their successor Iron Mountain, permission was given to install the monument on their property near the Canal. A grant from the Billerica Plan paid the installation expenses. The monument was dedicated in late June with a short ceremony.

The Commission, with the Middlesex Canal Association, had a booth at Yankee Doodle Day. Many people stopped by to enjoy the pictures, video and free literature.

A quarterly newsletter, edited by Norman Douchin, is mailed to interested people. Extra copies are available at the Billerica Library.

The Commission tries to be alert for activity near the Canal. It is our plan to continue to clean other parts of the Canal.

Many individuals have assisted the Commission in various ways, for which we are grateful and extend our thanks to them.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Potter, Member and Chairman
John K. Reardon, Associate and Vice Chairman
Alex Ingraham, Associate and Treasurer
Helen Knight, Associate
Shayne Reardon, Associate and Secretary
Carl Seab, Associate

MUSEUM COMMITTEE

The Museum Committee has met monthly during the year.

Kevin Collins was appointed to replace new member, Walter Bradbury, who resigned due to family commitments.

Town Meeting appropriated the necessary funds for repair and replacement of the museum's slate roof. Plans are under way for the installation of handicapped access to the building. The committee continues to look forward to the museum's occupancy of the first floor, at which time it will be possible to establish regular visiting hours for the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon C. Brainerd
Chairman

NORTHERN MIDDLESEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The Northern Middlesex Council of Governments is a multi-purpose planning district, a public body corporate, formed under State enabling legislation governed by a policy board of local elected officials. Each of the nine member municipalities including Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Dunstable, Lowell, Pepperell, Tewksbury, Tyngsborough and Westford, is represented by a member of the Board of Selectmen or City Council, a member of the Planning Board, and an alternate member appointed by each Board of Selectmen and, in the case of Lowell, by the City Manager.

The Council maintains a staff of professional planners and technicians to assist in developing and implementing its policies. The Council meets monthly (usually the third Wednesday of each month) at 115 Thorndike Street, Lowell, and all meetings are open to the public.

The Council acts seriously and deliberately to "make careful studies of the resources, problems, possibilities, and needs of its district" ...and to "...make recommendations for the physical, social, governmental, or economic improvement of this district..." and to "....make recommendations for the physical, social, governmental or economic improvement of this district..."

Assessments upon the member communities are on an equal per capita basis and are used to provide the "local share" of various projects undertaken by the Council with Federal funds and local assistance.

These funds enable the Council to undertake far more staff work than would otherwise be possible at the present level of local assessment (about 25 cents per capita). The Council's FY98 budget includes $67,870 of local assessments, which is approximately 13% of the total budget. Billerica's share of the local commitment is $9,678.32.

Each year the Council devotes a large portion of its efforts to transportation issues. In cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and the Massachusetts Highway Department, the NMCOG continues to focus on transportation problems across the region. During the past year, the NMCOG assisted the Middlesex Canal Commission in planning the Canal Park at the Concord River Mill Pond in acquiring funds for improvements at the Shawsheen Aqueduct for restoration of the Canal. The staff continues to monitor and track the progress of the ongoing environmental work associated with the Route 3 widening project.

The Council continues to assist the Town on work related to the proposed Yankee Doodle Bikeway extending from North Billerica to Bedford, eventually linking with the Minuteman Bike Path in Bedford.

In addition, NMCOG continued its traffic counting program taking over 100 traffic counts annually. In 1997, many counts were taken in Billerica. This data is incorporated into a traffic count book and map series which is distributed to local officials each year.

The staff continues to work with the Town of Billerica and the Massachusetts Highway Department to advance several key projects of importance to the Community. These projects include replacement of several bridges and improvements to Concord Road. The Council will also be studying traffic conditions along Route 3A and Andover Road over the next year.

The Council continues to provide assistance to the Lowell Regional Transit Authority in areas such as obtaining Federal capital and operating funds, marketing to improve ridership and revenue, statistical monitoring and reporting, and direct assistance with projects such as the Gallagher Terminal Expansion aimed at improving operating efficiency and financial viability.

The NMCOG also assisted the LRTA and the Town of Billerica in planning improvements at the commuter rail parking facilities in North Billerica with the cooperation of the MBTA. Currently under construction, the improvements will include the restoration of the historic B&M depot building.

Over the past year, the NMCOG worked with the Town of Billerica, under a grant provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to identify ways in which communities such as Billerica can deal with the fiscal impacts of defense cutbacks.

The Council, with the assistance of LowLaw Transit Management, Inc., monitors ridership trends for the Lowell Regional Transit Authority. The Billerica Road Runner continues to be a successful service with approximately 13,000 riders in FY97. Additionally, approximately 12,000 persons took advantage of the fixed route bus service offered by the LRTA in FY97.

The Council performs a statutory review role for those projects that come under the purview of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act; that is, those projects whose environmental impacts are deemed to be significant and/or require State or Federal permits or funding.

The Council continues to provide demographic information and technical assistance to its member communities who request such. Billerica residents should feel free to contact Council staff, who will be glad to either answer their questions or to direct them to the proper source of information.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur L. Doyle, Councilor
Representing the Billerica
Board of Selectmen

Donna Doucette, Councilor
Representing the Billerica
Planning Board

Dianne Bone, Alternate

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board had a busy and productive year in 1997. Besides reviewing and ruling on several Subdivisions and Site Plan approval requests, the Board made recommendations on 13 Zoning By-Law changes; nine for Spring Town Meeting and four for Fall Town Meeting.

In the spring, the Board welcomed newly elected Brian DeVellis. Lawrence P. Bavis was elected Chairman, Donna Doucette, Vice Chairman, and Christopher L. Blake Secretary.

In 1997, the Board received two preliminary subdivision plans, both conditionally approved. The Board received four definitive subdivision plans with one that was held over from 1996. Four of the definitive subdivision plans were approved with conditions representing 24 new residential lots. One was withdrawn.

The Planning Board received and approved with conditions eight requests for Site Plan Special Permits. As a rule, any new construction or addition to any commercial

or industrial building resulting in the creation of more than 5,000 square feet of gross floor area is required to obtain a site plan approval from the Planning Board.

The Board received several requests for modification or waivers to previously approved definitive subdivisions and site plan special permits.

The Board approved 13 Approval Not Required (ANR) plans in 1997. ANR plans represent a division of lands into two or more lots, each with sufficient frontage and adequate access on either: 1) a public way, 2) an approved subdivision street, or 3) a road in existence prior to subdivision control which, by law, exempts them from the subdivision approval process.

The Board took up several requests for Bond Releases, Permission to Return to the Board of Appeal, Scenic Road Permits, Bond Acceptances and Bond Reductions. We held public hearings for thirteen proposals to amend the Zoning By-law or to rezone land.

The Board continued to work on their initiative to update the "Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in Billerica, Mass." The Board is currently reviewing the Design Standards chapters which will act to improve the quality of construction and will bring the regulations in line with current technologies.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Director of Planning, Peter D. Kennedy, and Secretary, Barbara G. Norman, and the many departments with which we work.

The Board and staff are available to any individual who may need assistance with any matter concerning the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence P. Bavis
Chairman

POLICE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit the annual report of the Billerica Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1997. There was a total of 638 arrests made as a result of 981 charges. There was a total of 17,411 calls for service, broken down as follows.

Our ongoing community policing programs, including DARE, the bicycle, boat, and the new mounted patrol are operating well. I would like to express my appreciation to the various other departments in the town and the citizens for their valued assistance and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul W. Matthews
Chief of Police

Summary Action Code Totals

Total	UCR	Grp	Description
236	552	D	209A Service
572	91A	EF	911 Abandoned Call
207	91F	E	911 Fire Transfer
62	91I	EF	911 Interrupted Call
45	91S	EF	911 Silent Call
33	91T	E	911 Transferred Call
54	700	A	Alarms - Commercial
2,078	705	A	Alarms - False/Unfounded
20	703	A9	Alarms - Fire
7	704	A	Alarms - MV
71	701	A	Alarms - Residential

Summary Action Code Totals

Total	UCR	Grp	Description
59	702	A	Alarms - School
143	441		Animal Control - All Others
179	440		Animal Control - Dog Complaint
27	300		Arrest - Adult
17	306		Arrest - BPD Warrant by Other PD
96	308		Arrest - BPD Warrant by this PD
3	301		Arrest - Juvenile
3	303		Arrest - Released to Other Agency
77	307		Arrest - Warrant from Other PD
1	200	9	Arsons Offices *
100	13A	9	Assault And Battery *
2	13C	9	Assault - Intimidation *
1	13P	9	Assault - Officer Assaulted *
14	13B	9	Assault - Simple *
25	23Z		Attempt to Commit a Crime
1	556	9	AWOL/Deserter
1	07A		Bicycle - Recovery
52	007		Bicycle - Stolen
1	510		Bribery Offenses *
20	225	9L	Burglary of MV or Trailer
94	220	9L	Burglary/B&E *
152	008		Check of Area or Building
166	009		Check on Person's Well Being
7	90A		Checks - Bad *
6	90X	9	Child Abuse/Neglect *
8	250		Counterfeiting/Forgery *
2	90C	9	Disorderly Conduct *
356	90M	9	Disperse Persons
46	143	9	Disturbance - Bar/Lounge
57	148	9	Disturbance - Civil/Non-Family
324	147	9	Disturbance - Domestic
111	142	9	Disturbance - Fight
802	140	9	Disturbance - General
140	141	9	Disturbance - House Party
121	145	9	Disturbance - Neighbors
52	90Y	9D	Domestic - Abuse/209A Violation *
13	90F	9D	Domestic - Abuse/Neglect *
7	90E	9D	Domestic - Drunkenness *
11	006		DPW Call Out - State
83	425		DPW Call Out - Town
5	35B	9	Drug Equipment Violations *
39	35A	9	Drug/Narcotic Offices *
45	431		Dumping-Illegal
1	270		Embezzlement *
2	555	9	Escapee
2	20E	9	Explosion

Summary Action Code Totals

Total	UCR	Grp	Description
4	20C	9	Fire-Commercial
30	20N	9	Fire-Notified Fire Dept.
28	20R	9	Fire-Residential
28	20V	9	Fire-Vehicle
55	20W	9	Fire-Woods/Grass/Other
38	20F		Fireworks Complaint
3	26A		Fraud-Conf. Game/Swnd./Flse/Prt. *
17	26B		Fraud-Credit Card/Auto Teller *
1	26C		Fraud-Impersonation *
1	26E		Fraud-Wire
7	20G	9	Gas Odor
35	146	9	Gunshots Reported
1	90N	9	Hate Crimes Under C22CS33
5	20H	9	Hazardous Material
13	437	9	Health-Public Health Problem
1	410		Intelligence-Bikers
8	412		Intelligence - Drugs
16	314	9	Intoxicated Person/No PC=XPORT
22	590		Juvenile Matter - Other
57	90K	9D	Keep the Peace - Domestic
2	100	9	Kidnapping - Abduction *
5	101	9	Kidnapping - Spousal/Custody Dis.
210	23H	9L	Larceny - All Others *
15	23X	9L	Larceny - Attempted
92	23F	9L	Larceny - From M/V *
1	23A	9L	Larceny - Pickpocket *
2	23B	9L	Larceny - Purse Snatching *
60	23C	9L	Larceny - Shoplifting *
1	23E	9L	Larceny - Theft From Coin Op Mach. *
25	23D	9L	Larceny - Theft from Building *
31	23G	9L	Larceny - Theft M/V Part/Access *
5	90G	9	Liquor Law Violation *
14	005		Lockout
3	90B	9	Loitering/Curfew/Vagrancy
40	422		Lost & Found
20	186	9	Medical - Assist Back to Bed
2	185	9	Medical - Drowning Near/Actual
1,376	180	9	Medical - General
27	184	9	Medical - Mental Health
38	187	9	Medical - Mutaid to Another Town
12	181	9	Medical - Overdose
9	183	9	Medical - Prisoner Sick/Injured
25	182	9	Medical - Sudden Death
12	322	9	Medical - Suicide/Attempt
5	913		Meet Officer/Unit
14	429		Minors with Alcohol

Summary Action Code Totals

Total	UCR	Grp	Description
16	000		Miscellaneous
15	10A		Missing Person - Adult
34	10J		Missing Person - Juvenile
7	10S	9	Missing Person - Small Child
1	10C		Missing Person - Cancel
102	423	9	Mutual Aid
3	167	9	MV-Accident Fatal
27	164		MV-Accident Hit-Run/Not Invest.
5	162	9	MV-Accident Hit-Run/Pers. Inj.
130	163	9	MV-Accident Hit-Run/Prop. Dam.
784	160	9	MV-Accident Investigated
208	161		MV-Accident Not Investigated
25	168	9	MV-Accident Pedestrian Involve
19	165	9	MV-Accident/Dam.-Police Cruiser
9	169	9	MV/Accident/School Bus
3	166	9	MV-Accident/Town Veh-Non Police
20	173		MV-Gen Abandoned
442	172		MV-Gen Disabled
27	175		MV-Gen Lockout
15	174		MV-Gen Repossessed
21	170		MV-Gen Towed by Police
4	171		MV-Gen Towed by Private Party
544	176		MV-Gen Traffic Violation
129	177		MV-Mini Bike/ATV/Snowmobile
71	240	9	MV-Theft *
55	24P		MV-Theft/Plate Only
2	24Q		MV-Theft/Recovered Plate
64	24R		MV-Theft/Recovered Veh.-Local
193	010		NEMLEC Radio Check
76	002		Notification Made/Msg. Left at
68	421		Open Door/Window-Business/Resid.
34	90D	90	OUI-Alcohol or Drugs
70	914		Parking Comp-General
8	912		Parking Comp-Handicap
13	310		PC-Adult
1	311		PC-Juvenile
1	313		PC-Released from Custody
2	90H	9	Peeping Tom *
166	155		Phone Calls - Harassing
5	156		Phone calls - Obscene
3	001		Phoney Call
2	90P		Phoney ID/Possession or Use
121	430		Police Information
159	910	9	Police-General Req. for
12	434	9	Power Failure
158	003		Prisoners Provided with Meal

Summary Action Code Totals

Total	UCR	Grp	Description
3	120	9	Robbery *
2	804		Roster - Officer Injured
1,096	801		Roster - Shift Assignments
26	90I		Runaway (Child/Adult) *
6	428		Safekeeping Property
205	004		Selectman's Papers Delivered
5	11E	9S	Sexual Force - Fondling Juvenile
6	11A	9S	Sexual Force - Rape *
4	36C	9S	Sexual Non Force - Assault Child
5	36E	9S	Sexual Non Force - Exposing
2	36Z	9S	Sexual Non Force - Other
1	36B	9S	Sexual Non Force - Stat Rape *
7	152		Solicitors /Door-Door Salesman
2	20S	9	Spills-Chemicals/Fuels
1	28F		Stolen Prop - Firearms
1	28R		Stolen Prop - Firearms Recovered
5	280		Stolen Prop - General *
10	281		Stolen Prop - Recovered
360	551		Summons Service
1,059	151	9	Susp Activity - Motor Vehicle
550	150	9	Susp Activity - Persons
1	600	9	Threats - Bomb *
42	601	9	Threats - Simple *
10	602	9	Threats - To Kill
1	451	9	Town By-law - Other
1	452	9	Town By-law - Public Drinking
4	432		Town Property Damaged
10	915		TPF/SOU Callout
9	813		Traffic Control Assignment
186	178		Traffic Hazard
116	426		Transport - Money/Persons
156	436		Transport - Prisoner to Court
4	90J		Trespass Real Property *
416	290	9	Vandalism - Destruc./Damage Prop. *
69	553		Warrants - Attempt to Serve/UTL
2	520	9	Weapons Law Violation *
10	52B	9	Weapons - BB Gun Violation
5	52F		Weapons - Turned In
80	435	9	Wire Down
17,627	Totals		
17,411	Calls for Service		

Summary Arrest Charge Code Report

Totals	Chg Cd	Statute	Description
17	617	265-15A	A&B by Dang Weapon
3	6170	265-15A	A&B by Dangerous Weapon
5	6090	265-13D	A&B on a Police Officer
1	6040	265-13A	Assault
54	6050	265-13A	Assault & Battery
16	6200	265-15B	Assault by Dang. Weapon
1	6000	127-38B	Assault on Correctional Officer
3	1190	90-23	Attaching Plates to a MV
2	9690	274-6	Attempt to Commit a Crime
1	2100	266-18	B&E Day with Int. to Commit Felony
3	2070	266-16A	B&E Day with Int. to Commit Mis.
6	2050	266-16	B&E Night with Int. to Commit Felony
1	2060	266-16A	B&E Night/Intent to Commit Mis.
1	2140	266-114	Breaking Glass in a Building
1	2020	266-15	Burglary Unarmed
2	5040	266-5	Burning Personal Property
1	7030	269-10 a-d	Carry Firearm without Lic. Subseq. O
1	9620	269-10(b)	Carrying a Dangerous Weapon
8	016	119-54	CHINS - Child in Need Service
1	3430	267-12	Counterfeit Bills, Possession of
1	3410	267-10	Counterfeit Bills, Uttering
4	8320	94-40	Consp. Viol. Controlled Sub. Laws
1	3260	266-37B	Credit Card, False, $250 Less
1	3270	266-37C	Credit Card, False, Over $250
5	1080	90-7	Defective Equipment
20	4010	272-53	Disorderly Person
10	4020	272-53	Disturbing the Peace
2	1690	89-1	Fail to Keep Rt.
1	1570	90-14B	Fail to Signal B4 Stop/Turn
13	1220	90-25	Fail to Stop for Police - MV
3	1500A	90-7AA	Fail to Use Seat Belt
1	1740	89-8	Fail to Yld - Inters-MV Fr Rt
1	9780	272-53A	Failed to Register C6 SI78H
1	3370	267-1	Forgery
3	903A	267-20R	Fugitive from Justice
1	911A	268-34	Give False Address to Pol. Off.
2	910A	268-34	Give False Name to Police Off.
2	122A	90-25	Giving False Name to Pol. Off.
2	626A	265-18C	Home Invasion
1	8200	94C-33	Illegal Poss. Class A Substance
1	8230	94C-34	Illegal Poss. Class B Subseq. of
10	8220	94C-34	Illegal Poss. Class B Substance
1	8270	94C-34	Illegal Possession Class D Subseq of
9	8260	94C-34	Illegal Poss. Class D Substance
1	1710	89-4	Improper Passing
2	6100	265-13H	Ind. A&B Person 14 or Over

Summary Arrest Charge Code Report

Totals	Chg Cd	Statute	Description
1	6400	265-26	Kidnapping
5	3090	266-28	Larc. of a MV or Trailer
3	3110	266-30	Larc. of Prop., $250 or Less
10	3130	266-30	Larc. Prop. Over $250
1	3140	266-30	Larc. Prop. Over $250 (Var)
3	3150	266-30	Larceny of a Firearm
2	630	90-24	Leave Scene after Injury, No Death
6	620	90-24	Leave Scene after Property Damage
1	9730	272-16	Lewd, Open and Gross
1	9380	138-34A	Liq., Falsify Age to Purchase
15	9440	138-34C	Liq., Minor Trnsprt/Carry
2	5090	266-127	Mal Destr Prop $250 or Less
10	5080	266-127	Mal Destr Prop over $250
5	1270	DPW4-1	Marked Lanes Violation
1	6120	265-14	Mayhem
1	1630	90-24B	MV Doc. Falsifying, Steal, etc.
2	1210	90-24I	Open Container Alcohol in MV
46	1160	90-23	Oper. MV after Lic. Suspended
1	1140	90-10	Oper. MV Contrary Lic. Restriction
1	610	90-24	Oper. MV Neglig. to Endanger
2	1090	90-20	Oper. MV Owner without Insp. Sticker
3	600	90-24	Oper. MV Reckless to Endanger
3	57C	90-24L(1)	Oper. MV Un-Infl Liq & Reckl
8	410	90-24	Oper. MV Un-Infl Liq 2nd Off.
2	420	90-24	Oper. MV Un-Infl Liq 3rd or S.
1	42A	90-24	Oper. MV Un-Infl Liq 4th or S.
38	400	90-24	Oper. MV Un-Infl of Liquor
14	1110	90-10	Oper. MV Without Being Licensed
3	1180	90-23	Oper. MV - Aft Lic. Revoked DWI
30	1170	90-23	Oper. MV - After Lic. Revoked
8	1240	90-34J	Operating an Uninsured MV
8	1100	90-9	Operating an Unregistered MV
2	0	267-9	Poss. 10 or more Counterfeit Bills
4	3290	266-49	Poss. Burg. Tools
2	8010	94C-32	Poss. Class A w/Int. to Dist.
13	8020	94C-32A	Poss. Class B w/Int. to Dist.
14	8040	94C-32C	Poss. Class D w/Int. to Dist.
2	801A	268-28	Poss. Cont Sub W/I Del Prison
3	7000	269-10(h)	Poss. Firearm w/o Firearm ID
1	8000	94C-27	Poss. Hypo Syringe, Needle
1	800A	94C-32I	Poss./Sale of Drug Parapherna.
94	010	PC	Protective Custody
3	6320	265-22(b)	Rape
1	635A	265-23	Rape & Abuse Child Under 16
1	6350	265-22A	Rape of Child with Force
5	3310	266-60	Receiving Stolen Prop., $250 More

Summary Arrest Charge Code Report

Totals	Chg Cd	Statute	Description
2	3300	266-60	Receiving Stolen Prop., $250 Less
9	309A	266-28	Receiving, Buying, Etc. Stolen MV
3	3250	266-37B	Receiving a Stolen Credit Card
1	1310	DPW4-10	Red Light Viol. State Highway
2	1650	90-25	Refuse to Prod. License or Registration
10	987B	268-32B	Resisting Arrest
11	3160	266-30A	Shoplifting by Asport. of Merch.
5	3170	266-30A	Shoplifting by Concealing Merch.
1	3180	266-30A	Shoplifting by Price Tag Tampering
15	1400	90-17	Speeding
1	957B	265-43	Stalking, Viol. Pro. Ord.
6	6430	275-2	Threatening to Commit a Crime
1	3100	266-28	Taking MV without Auth. & Stealing Pts
3	8130	94C-32E	Traffic in Cocaine
5	2160	266-120	Tresp. Land, Dwell, House, etc.
1	6270	265-19	Unarmed Robbery
5	640	90-24	Unauthorized Use of MV
2	6440	272-35	Unnatural Act
1	6450	272-35A	Unnatural Act with Child - 16
1	8180	94C-33	Utter a False Prescription
1	3400	267-5	Utter a Forged Instr. (Var.)
1	3390	267-5	Utter a Forged Instr.
3	802A	94C-32J	Viol. Con. Sub. Act w/in School
5	955A	20834C	Viol. Dom. Protective Order
12	9550	209A-7	Viol. of Protective Order
1	5070	266-127	Wanton Destr. Prop., $250 Less
271	015	VARIOUS	Warrant Arrest
1	1330	DPW4-11A	Yield Sign Viol.
990	Totals		

Individuals Arrested: 638

Sex		Race		Age	
Male	556	White	594	Adult	596
Female	81	Black	18	Juvenile	42
Ukn	1	Ind. Am.	0	ukn	0
		Asian	12		
		ukn	14		

PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Billerica Public Library continues to be a vital resource in the community. Use of the library increased by another 5% this year. Our annual circulation of library materials was just under 240,000 items. 232,796 patrons visited the library in 1997 up from 198,000 visitors in 1996.

Much of our attention this year has been focused on our plans for a new library at the Old Town Hall. Work has continued toward

that goal during the past year as Design Development drawings have been developed. The project is anticipated to get under way in the Spring of 1998.

We presented 122 recreational, educational and cultural programs last year. They were attended by 2,951 people. These programs ranged from our ever-popular story hour programs to book discussion groups, lectures, entertainers and much more.

Community Partnerships for Children awarded a $10,000 grant to the Library's Children Room last year. These monies aided us in updating and expanding our parenting collection. The funds also allowed us to purchase an Ellison Die Cut machine to facilitate story hour craft preparations and helped in the development of five theme related story kits for use by parents and day care providers.

1997 brought the debut of our monthly show on BATV called Library Lowdown. Co-hosted by myself and Assistant Directory, Priscilla Vaughn, this half hour presentation features book reviews, library news, highlights of special services and a Friends of the Library update.

Speaking of the Friends, they were tremendously busy this year raising much needed funds for our new library's furnishing and equipment. Events sponsored by the Friends included a very successful Wine Tasting evening in September which is destined to become an annual event. Many thanks go to Tony Siraco of Billerica Mall Liquors for his generosity in sponsoring this wonderful night. Several Bottle and Can Drives raised some cash for the Friends. One such event was held in April in conjunction with the Town's Earth Day celebration. A Lucky Tree Raffle, a Beanie Baby Raffle, a Cut-A-Thon courtesy of Superior Cuts Hair Salon in Pinehurst were just some of the other successful fundraising events carried out by the Friends this year. In addition, the Friends co-sponsored their first Art Auction with the Billerica Boys and Girls Club. This turned out to be a great night for both organizations, and plans are in the works for the 2nd Annual Art Auction.

All this hard work contributed thousands of dollars to the new library building fund. Other regular events like the semi-annual Book Sale and Flea Market, Ice Cream Sundae Night and their Yankee Doodle Weekend happenings provided funds to continue their ongoing support of the Museum Pass program, the video collection acquisitions, and the many special children's programs which they sponsor each year. We are most grateful to these loyal and dedicated people. We couldn't exist without such great "Friends."

Our faithful volunteers contributed thousands of hours of dedicated service to the library last year. Our Young Adult Volunteer Corp., which numbers some 50 teens, logged more than 1,400 hours over the course of 1997. Their assistance with our Summer Reading Program and their Bookworm Storytimes have been valuable additions to the library.

In addition to our Young Adult Book Discussion Group, R.E.A.D.I.T., which continued to thrive in 1997, we have developed a new group for the slightly younger audience (5th and 6th grades) called R.O.A.R. (Reach Out And Read). This group has been very well received as well.

I would like to extend special kudos to my dedicated and skilled staff who, as always, went the extra mile to assure the best possible library service to the community. Thanks, too, go to the Board of Library Trustees for their continued support and encouragement.

We look forward to the new year with eager anticipation of the start of our new library building project. 1998 promises to be a year of great progress toward the realization of our dream for a new and better Billerica Public Library at the Old Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Flaherty
Director

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

During 1997, the Department of Public Works continued in its efforts to improve services provided by this Department to the townspeople of Billerica. These services include the maintenance and repair of streets, parks, water distribution and wastewater collection systems, and the treatment of drinking water and wastewater at our treatment facilities.

Several State-funded transportation projects were started in 1997, including construction of the long-planned traffic safety improvements at Boston Road - Floyd Street - Pollard Street Intersection and the Fordway Bridge (Pollard Street bridge) replacement project. Additionally, the replacement of the Gray Street Bridge over the B&M Railroad was concluded and the traffic safety improvements at Boston Road-Tower Farm Road were finished.

Road improvement projects were selected and completed utilizing the Pavement Management Computer Program in 1997. Reconstruction, reclamation, resurfacing, patching and crack sealing work was performed on an extensive list of streets town-wide, and more additional work is planned for 1998.

Final engineering and design work is nearly complete for Cook Street, Alexander Road, Concord Road, and Allen Road, leading to reconstruction projects for each street funded by State and Federal transportation agencies under the Federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Act.

Work was substantially completed on the ozone generator equipment at the Water Treatment Facility to alleviate water quality problems associated with high manganese levels in the Concord River.

Lateral sewer construction was completed in 1997 in the Kennedy School are, Forest Park, West Billerica, Pinehurst, and Governor's Park. Construction in the Whipple Road area was started and it is anticipated that construction will be completed in 1998.

Since 1968, I have served the Town of Billerica with the Department of Public Works in several varying capacities, most recently, for the past twelve years, as Director of Public Works. I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to my public works colleagues and co-workers and to all town officials, boards and committees, past and present, for their support and cooperation through the years.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Bento, P.E.
Former D.P.W. Director

John G. Sanchez, P.E.
Interim D.P.W. Director

Engineering Division

During 1997, the Engineering Division prepared all contract documents for the sewer contract 28B (Skyline Drive area). Installation of all sewers in the area was completed, and abutters are currently connecting to town sewer.

We continued with the implementation of the Pavement Management Program. Under this program, the following streets were reconstructed.

- Andover Road, from Pond Street to Boynton Lane.
- River Street, from Boston Road to Parker Street
- Wyman Road, from School House Lane to Surrey Lane

In addition, the following streets were overlaid:

- Allen Road, from Baldwin Road to Bennett Circle
- Billerica Avenue, from power lines to Tewksbury town line
- Edgar Road
- Francis Road
- Frankay Lane
- Hillary Road

- Kirk Road
- Lexington Road, from Middlesex Turnpike to Bedford town line
- Mellon Road
- McDonough Way
- Pine Tree Road
- Putney Circle
- Rexhame Street, from Pequot Street to Veterans Circle
- Schaefer Street
- Treble Cove Road, from Route 3 to Bridge Street
- Veterans Circle

The following streets were chip sealed:

- Billerica Avenue, from Mount Pleasant Street to power lines
- Faulkner Street
- High Street, from Hardwood Drive to Tewksbury town line
- Mount Pleasant Street

Conventional patching and infrared patching of several streets under the Pavement Management Program was completed.

Reconstruction of sidewalks on Colson Street and Old Elm Street was substantially completed in the Fall of 1997.

This Division was also involved in the design, permitting and construction of drainage improvement projects at the following locations: Andover Road, Baldwin Road, High Street, Lexington Road, Middlesex Turnpike, and the Pond Street Culvert.

Drainage design for the Allen Road culvert and the Ravine Road/Arcadia Road drainage improvements was completed. These projects will be constructed in 1998.

Design, bidding and construction of a new water main on Pond Street was also one of our accomplishments during 1997, along with the preparation of contract documents for the replacement of about 60 hydrants in different locations throughout the Town.

Inspection services and standards enforcing for construction, not only for Town constructed projects but also for Subdivisions and construction of "paper streets" in general continued during 1997. Some of the subdivisions included: Doherty Woods, Cinnamon Ridge, Etta Estates, Shawsheen Woods, Black Brook Estates, Carlisle Woods, Quail Run Estates, Eastbrook Farms, Brookfield Estates, Captain Ranlett Estates, Ernestine Estates, and others.

Mosquito Control project coordination in stream and culvert cleaning was part of our duties during this past year.

We continued to provide the usual services to the public and consultants including: copies of maps, benchmark information, sewer stubs location, etc.

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to Richard A. Bento, who served as a Public Works Director until February 1998. Mr. Bento provided guidance and support to this division and for that we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Sanchez, P.E.
Town Engineer

Highway Division

During 1997, the Highway Division strived to provide necessary services. Icing caused by freezing rain has been a large problem so far this season. Calls for service come from the Police Department, Fire Department, School Department or the Department of Public Works, two Treatment Plants, Water and Sewer, and the general public for sanding requests. The Division is responsible for 1,100 plus streets; to maintain, gravel and grade, drainage, drainage repairs, cleaning of catch basins, cleaning of brooks and culverts, road sweeping, cutting shoulders, patch repairs, traffic lights, signage, curbing, and guard rails. Catch basins were cleaned in most

areas and culverts that needed attention were checked and cleaned. Drainage and catch basin repairs were made on many streets.

The Highway Division was responsible for the following work performed during 1997:

1. Draining Projects:
   - Salem and Pollard
   - Sheldon
   - Treble Cove and Casey
   - Neally
   - Nashua and Gilman
   - Arakalian
   - Clarence
   - McHugh Avenue
   - Heritage
   - Cross
   - Letchworth and Mason
   - Devonshire and Marshbrook
   - Concord and Dudley
   - Cottage
2. Cleaned more than 1,500 catch basins.
3. Rebuilt 150 catch basins.
4. Painted all crosswalks and traffic lines.
5. Painted all traffic arrows and islands for directions.
6. Dredged several storm water channels.
7. Carried out street sweeping operations for 8 months.
8. Participated in recycling program.
9. Managed town-wide waste oil collection program and collected over 5,000 gallons.
10. Continued a guardrail program.
11. This year, we installed 859 various street signs. Theft of these signs are a major problem because of the signs being stolen. Safety vehicles take much longer to respond to an emergency and the cost is about $17,000 a year to try and keep up with the thefts.

The Division also assists the Police Department, Fire Department, and Civil Defense in emergencies; also picks up rubbish illegally discarded and, to slow the illegal dumping, the Division has blocked off more areas of Town.

Other routine work performed included road patching, storm pipe cleaning, road grading, and snow plowing.

Cooperative efforts were achieved with the Billerica Plan for Green-Up Day, and the Recycling Committee for the recycling program, which were both successful programs.

The Motor Equipment Repair section of the Highway Division has performed exceptionally well in keeping the DPW equipment and vehicle fleet in working order. Increased pressure has been placed on this section due to the aging condition of many of the fleet's vehicles.

The Highway Division is continuing its own asphalt resurfacing and patching program and is still patching the excavation sites for the Water Division.

Through an aggressive street opening permit process, we are able to protect the integrity of our roads. Many streets were paved through the Town Sewer Program.

The Highway Division's clerical position is involved in keeping the office running smoothly on a day-to-day basis. We are also pleased to announce the creation of our own web page which can be accessed by using *http://www.billericahway.com.* We hope you will go on line and check it out and let us know by email what you think. E-mail address is *bhd@billericahway.com.*

I wish to thank all the members of the Department of Public Works and other Town Departments for their support and cooperation. A special thanks goes to the Highway Division staff.

Respectfully submitted,

David McLaughlin
Highway Department

Tree Division

During 1997, the Tree Division's Maintenance activities consisted of grass cutting and fertilization on all playgrounds, squares, and the Town Common. This Division maintains approximately 55 acres of land, including:

(1) football field
(9) ball fields
(2) practice fields
(9) tennis courts
(50) Veterans Squares
Vietnam Park
Kids Konnection Tot Playground
Contribution Park

The Park and Tree Division assisted contractors in most of the month of November preparing the Common for the Town's annual tree lighting ceremony. This has become a tremendous success with over 1,000 people in attendance this year. A total of 103 trees were removed due to public endangerment or death of the tree.

Money was also appropriated for irrigation systems at the Common and at Town Hall which will be completed by May Town Meeting.

On behalf of this Division and its employees, I would like to thank the various Town Departments, D.P.W. Divisions, the Garden Club, residents, and business owners of Billerica for their continuing cooperation in once again making the Christmas event such a wonderful success, and also for their assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Neville A. Rivet, Superintendent
Tress and Park Division

Water Division

It is with regret this year we note the death of Heavy Equipment Operator Carl Roberts. Carl had been a valued member of the Water Division staff for many years.

During the year, 1,583 million gallons of water was pumped from the Treatment Plant to the Distribution System. The day of highest pumping occurred on June 30, 1997, with 9.1 million gallons produced. The average day volume was 4.3 million gallons.

The ozone generating system went on line at the Water Treatment Plant on May 21, 1997. It took a few months to work out the bugs in the electrical components of the control system and a few controllers were added to make the operation more efficient. Towards the end of the summer, testing was showing a manganese removal of about 80%. This, in conjunction with the flushing program, should greatly reduce the brown water problem. On December 12th, the ozone contact tank was drained and found to be in good condition.

The installation of continuous turbidity monitors on the individual filters was completed this year. This has provided the staff with a valuable tool with which to track water quality.

Modifications were made to the Fox Hill Lift Station to improve reliability. A two-inch circulation loop with a throttling valve was installed. This allows the pump to run continuously by insuring that a small amount of water can always move through the pump case. Constant starting and stopping of the pumps has been eliminated. Pump One was overhauled and fitted with a new driver and controller to provide better continuous pumping. This has been in operation since January 9th and performed well. We are looking forward to modifying Pump Two.

The Distribution System was flushed in May and again in October. Both of these flushings were extensive and involved opening all terminal hydrants. In April, both standpipes were drained, flushed and inspected. The interior finish of both tanks were found to be in poor condition. We should anticipate repainting both of the standpipes in the next two to three years.

The Water Division staff replaced 19 hydrants, and 7 hydrants were replaced by insurance companies. To eliminate the outdated two bib hydrants installed in the 1920s or earlier, Robert W. Irvine & Sons, Inc., of Lynn, Mass., was contracted to replace all two bib hydrants on public property. This project was carried out in August and September and changed out 66

hydrants. Gate valves were added to the feed lines of most of these hydrants during the change-out. During the year, 474 hydrants were lubricated and painted. The painting and lubrication were brought about largely through the efforts of Mr. Loeffler, who is on the Water Treatment Plant staff.

The staff repaired 66 water main breaks during the year and performed many repairs to service lines.

Including the items listed below, the total water main extensions were 6" pipe 2,795 feet, 8" pipe 7,380 feet, 10" pipe 2,200 feet, 12" pipe 3,071 feet. All this piping was ductile iron and all main extensions were tested for pressure and sanitary condition before being put into service. John Farmer and Sons, Inc., was contracted to install a 12" water main on Pond Street. This main picked up the stub near Everready Circle and looped to the 8" main at the intersection of Pond Street and Moosewood Avenue. This main also connected to the existing 8" main on Bayberry Lane and 6" main on Challenger Road. It was put on line on August 8th and provides a 25% increase in fire flow with only a 10 psi drop in pressure. As part of the replacement of the Fordway Bridge, a new 12" main has been installed under the west sidewalk. The pressure and sanitary testing of this main was performed on December 17, 1997. The main was put into service on January 12, 1998. Due to the increased fire demand caused by the addition to 96 High Street, the owner replaced the 6" water main from Iron Horse Park to the railroad bridge on High Street with 12" pipe. The construction of deep sewer lines on George Brown Street necessitated the replacement of the 8" cement asbestos main from the railroad bridge to Jordan Road. At this time, the main was extended to Whipple Road. This was installed by the sewer contractor as a change order. Included in the sewer contract was a provision to replace the existing water main from Freddy Road to Coolidge Street and extended the main to George Brown Street. This work has been completed from Norman Road to George Brown Street.

Reorganization this year moved the water and sewer billing function from the Water Division of the DPW to the Office of the Town Treasurer.

The Customer Service Section was very active this year. Routine backflow testing was performed by a service contractor this year, about 2,2000 tests were performed. One hundred twenty new service installations were inspected and approved. Four services were inspected for reactivating. Numerous meter installations were repaired. Five hundred thirty readings for final water bills were taken by the staff.

Respectively submitted,

John McGovern
Water Superintendent

Wastewater Division

During 1997, the Billerica Wastewater Treatment Facility continued to operate within its NPDES Permit requirements. Generating a quality effluent which is discharged to the Concord River downstream of the Water Treatment Plant. The Wastewater Treatment Plant recycles its biosolids (sludge) into an exceptional, marketable quality compost, which is sold commercially to landscapers and top soil manufacturers and given away to Billerica residents.

In May 1997, the Wastewater Treatment Plant submitted an application to the EPA to be considered for a Beneficial Use of Biosolids Award. This is a ten year program that recognizes the outstanding efforts of treatment plants to promote the beneficial use of biosolids. The Billerica Wastewater Treatment Plant won third prize nationally and became the only Massachusetts facility to ever win an award in this category. The award was presented in October 1997 to the Town of Billerica.

The average daily flow for 1997 was 3.34 million gallons per day (MGD). The treatment plant has a design capacity of 5.4 MGD. The daily flow will be gradually increasing as the Town continues to install sewer lines. Contracts 28 and 29 continued through 1997 with completion in 1998.

There were 476 sewer connections made to the Town's collection system in 1997.

The Town of Billerica's Industrial Pretreatment Program was approved by the EPA in 1987 and is implemented by division personnel. Wastewater from industrial sources contributes to approximately 400,000 gallons per day to the system. Twenty-three (23) Industrial Discharge Permits have been issued and a number of others are pending at this time. All industries are on a continuing basis and are regulated in accordance with DEP and EPA guidelines. In addition to self monitoring, the division inspects and samples all of the permitted industries.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Malcuit
Wastewater Superintendent

RECREATION COMMISSION

Billerica's Recreation Department plays a central role in defining the Town's quality of life. Recreation has become the common ground upon which people from all neighborhoods and backgrounds gather to participate in the life of the community. Our recreational, educational and cultural programming reflect the diversity of our community.

The primary directive of the Recreation Department is to offer free or low cost recreational programs, special events and trips to the citizens of Billerica. These recreational offerings range from pre-school programs for the very young to weekend trips which are popular with adults of all ages. Director Joseph Higgins, Assistant Directory, Peggy Hannon-Rizza, and the staff take justifiable pride in the quality of these programs and endeavor to enhance the programs in an ongoing effort to provide our residents with interesting and rewarding recreational activities.

A continuing goal of the Recreation Commission is to identify and secure a permanent facility in which the Recreation Department can plan and offer low cost, year round programs. Billerica residents deserve to have a vibrant and effective facility in which recreational programs can be offered. Currently, we must rent school facilities or rely on the generosity of local businesses or civic organizations to run recreational programs for the citizens of Billerica.

We have started a committee on Billerica's "Open Space and Recreation Plan." This plan is a comprehensive evaluation of our open space and recreation areas. The committee will monitor the goals and objectives identified in the OSRP.

We continue to work toward full permitting of all fields and facilities in our drive for multi-purpose year round recreation. Consistent with this goal, we also maintain routine inspections on fields and playgrounds for play-ability and safety. While we look to become more active in maintenance of facilities through the use of the House of Correction Work Crew, we still have to rely on friend's groups such as "Friends of Billerica Recreation, Inc.," and youth sports organizations to assume a somewhat disproportionate share of the financial responsibility for maintaining playgrounds and fields. We have received funding for capital improvements to recreation fields, playgrounds and park areas. The OSRP outlines a five year plan for the development and refurbishing of recreation and park sites in the Town.

Volunteers play a critical role in enabling the department to achieve its goals. The department continues to receive financial and in-kind assistance from the business community which has allowed us to continue to offer activities for the enjoyment of our citizens, commuters and visitors. We are looking to continue our public/private partnerships in order to maintain and improve the rich diversity of programming which help to make our community special.

This past year, the department has offered over two hundred recreational programs and over one hundred special events/trips for the citizens of Billerica. The

department worked with the Police Department's Community Police Division to establish P.A.L. programs for the youth of Billerica. Flag football and floor hockey were offered again this year serving over 250 children. In collaboration with the Police Department, we built an outdoor court at the Marshall School that will be used for street hockey, box lacrosse, box soccer, and roller hockey. This summer, we will once again offer a wide range of programs at the courts for both youth and adults in our community. Many new programs were offered this year for the first time, some of which were: Just You and Me, Whiffleball, Woodworking, Fall Breakout for Middle School Students, Youth Challenge Golf League, Ski Club and United Golf Program. Our Neighborhood Parks and Super Stars programs enjoyed a great success this past summer serving over 500 children each week. Micozzi Beach was a welcome respite from the summer heat for many families.

There are some events which merit mention – Yankee Doodle Homecoming Weekend, Breakfast with Santa, Fishing Derby, Health and Recreation Day, Earth Day "March for Parks," Tracy Street Hockey Tournament, Hershey Track and Field Meet, Concerts on the Common, and the Dog Days Recreational Golf Tournament.

The Recreation Department, in its efforts to continually improve and enhance the quality of community resources, has several major projects under way including the preservation of open lands for recreational use; turning the old railroad track from Bedford to North Billerica into a bikeway, the development of Vietnam Veterans Park into a major recreational park; renovation of the Kohlrausch Park; renovation of the Basketball Courts at the Lampson Recreation Complex, and renovations at the Locke School Fields.

The Recreation Department would like to express thanks to the many departments, commissions, organizations, businesses and to those individuals who volunteer their time and support to ensure that the programs, trips and special events are unquestionable successes.

The Recreation Commission would like to acknowledge the dedication of the late Donald Donati who served as a member and chairperson of the Recreation Commission. Don was instrumental in the development of the "Open Space and Recreation Plan," the Town's acquisition of the Vietnam Veterans Park and Billerica's Yankee Doodle Homecoming Weekend. He was a strong and passionate advocate for recreation and programs for the youth in Billerica. He was an active member of the Billerica Girl's Softball Association, serving as a coach and president. In recognition of his dedication to recreation and the youth of Billerica, the Recreation Commission will dedicate this spring a new softball field at the Sampson Recreation Complex in his name.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bartlett
Chairman

RECYCLING COMMISSION

The 1997 curbside recycling showed an increase over 1996 by 459,220 pounds. Our combined recycling totals for 1997 were 4,254,000 pounds. The townspeople who do recycle should be congratulated. The State has increased our recycling grade from a C grade to a B grade. The curbside leaf pickup was again in May and November 1997. The drop-off collection at Holland's Auto on Treble Cove Road was held on the third Saturday of the month between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Totals for the eight months were 723 tire, 194 batteries and 3,700 gallons of waste oil. The Board of Health issued 1,197 stickers for white good's removal.

The Recycling Committee voted again to stop collections in November and December 1997 and February 1998. However, the waste oil drop-off will continue every month. We have joined the Municipal Recycling Incentive Program put out by the Department of Environmental Protection.

For the first six months of this program, the Town will receive $8,032 for a job well done.

The Hazardous Waste Collection for October 1997 was a success. I want to thank the Board of Health, the League of Women Voters, the Recycling Committee and the Department of Public Works personnel for a job well done. Billerica is part of an ecology hot line called E-Call. This is a tape recorded, recycling message hot line paid for by the Cabot Corp. for the Town of Billerica. The number is 1-800-800-6881.

We have purchased 100 more recycling bins. They can be picked up at the Planning Board office at a cost of $4.00 per bin.

Reminder - The more we recycle, the more we save on our trash collection costs and the more we save on the environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur L. Doyle
Chairman

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

As mandated by State Law, the Annual Town and School Census was conducted in January. During the first week of January, 13,267 Census forms were mailed. Once the forms were returned, the information was updated into our computer system. It is very important to have the forms returned in a timely fashion as this information is critical for voter list maintenance, school enrollment projections, public service planning, residency purposes, State Aid calculations, etc. Prior to June 1st of each year, this information must be provided to the Jury Commission (mandated by M.G.L.) for Jury Pool section.

One election was held in 1997, the Town Election on April 5th. The voter turnout was very poor. Of the 21,229 persons eligible to vote, only 4,194 persons or 19.75% made the effort to cast a ballot.

Board Members covered the office on Election Day assisting until the polls closed and the voting machines were back in the Town Clerk's office. Board Members also assisted in the Special Voter Registration Sessions held prior to Election.

The number of voters on file for 1997 was 21,229, and by precinct the numbers were as follows:

Precinct 1	1,999
Precinct 2	2,169
Precinct 3	2,064
Precinct 4	2,091
Precinct 5	2,117
Precinct 6	2,222
Precinct 7	2,260
Precinct 8	2,023
Precinct 9	2,089
Precinct 10	2,195

The breakdown was as follows: 7,444 Democrats, 2,801 Republicans, 10,899 Unenrolled, 2 Socialist Party Members, 15 Interdependent Third Party Members, 59 Libertarians, and Reform Party 9.

Senate Bill # 1824, also known as the "Motor Voter Bill," which became effective July 1, 1994, made sweeping changes in the election process. Persons may now register to vote by mail and at many State agencies. As required by Law, acknowledgements were mailed to all persons who registered or changed their voting status by mail or at state agencies. This same bill also established a state-wide central voter registry through the Secretary of State's office. As of the end of December 1997, we became totally dependent on the State Central Voter Registry System.

John Conway was reappointed to the Board of Registrars for a three-year term on the Board of Registrars ending March 31, 2000. John Conway was elected to serve as Chairman for the ensuing year.

Lorraine Balboni retired January 31st after ten years as a Senior Clerk. We extend our best wishes for a happy retirement. In March, we welcomed Margaret DiPietro as a member of our office

staff. The Board extends thanks to Jeannette Rohnstock and Margaret DiPietro for their hard work and dedication during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

John Conway
Chairman

RULES COMMITTEE

The Rules Committee had one of its busiest years discussing warrant articles and other Town Meeting business. The committee reviewed thirteen articles for the Annual Spring Town Meeting. Proponents of the articles were invited to meet with the Rules Committee to explain their articles. The committee recommended that Town Meeting accept ten of those articles and dismiss three.

The Committee held its reorganization meeting in June, and the following members were elected officers: Dorothy Callihan, Chairman; Larry Norman, Vice-Chairman; John D. McKenna, Secretary. The Committee also welcomed new members: Edward Bunker, Precinct 2, and John J. McKenna, Precinct 7. The Committee accepted, with regrets, the resignation of Jim Haines, Precinct 2. Jim had been a long-time member and represented his precinct diligently. He was a valuable member to the Committee with his wealth of knowledge about the Town.

The Committee held a meeting on August 13, 1997, in which the Town Moderator had been invited to address some issues raised by some of the Committee members regarding Town Meeting procedures. One of the issues discussed was the lack of participation by the Board of Selectmen to give their opinion or position on warrant articles. It was suggested that the Committee consider introducing an amendment to the Town By-Laws that would require the Board of Selectmen to rise and make known to Town Meeting the Board's position on each article in the warrant. The Town Moderator was urged to approach the Selectmen and impress upon them the importance of improving their participation to Town Meeting.

Another topic of discussion was the budget process presented at Town Meeting. A committee member felt that it was too restrictive in presentation and that Town Meeting members had little input. He also felt that more information from the Finance Committee should be provided.

The Town Report was also discussed, and it was felt that the report was getting smaller and information is lumped together and out of order. The Moderator suggested meeting with Don Wilson who heads the Town of Billerica Annual Report Study Committee and alert him that such concerns exist.

The Town Moderator suggested that it was time to update the Town Meeting Representative's Handbook, and the Rules Committee suggested forming a subcommittee before Annual Spring Town Meeting.

There were fifteen articles on the Fall Town Meeting warrant for the Committee's consideration. Several of these articles turned out to be some of the most controversial articles that this Committee has had to consider; namely, the Conservation Commission to manage the Town Forest properties, and several articles dealing with the Historic District Commission. Eleven articles were recommended to accept; three articles were not recommended; one article recommended to dismiss.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Callihan
Chairperson

SEWER EXTENSION COMMISSION

The Sewer Extension Committee is composed of five (5) members who are appointed by the Town Manager, Robert A. Mercier. The members are:

John F. Gray, Jr.	Chairman
Edward Bunker	Vice Chairman
Paul A. Odierno	Secretary
Edward F. Ricarte	Member
Roger A. Nowicki	Member

The Sewer Extension Committee has the sole responsibility of planning and directing all of the Town's lateral sewers. The Committee held several public meetings during the year 1997. Discussions were held with regard to funding and future planning of the Town's sewer system.

In June 1997, the Sewer Extension Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to provide lateral street sewers to an additional 603 homes on 43 streets. These streets will add approximately 9.07 miles to the town sewer system. As a committee, we wish we could sewer the entire town all at once in order to complete this program. This has always been and will continue to be our main goal.

It has taken the Billerica Sewer Extension Committee over a year to accomplish our street selection process. This process has been long, interesting and educational for us. Notably, valued input was received from the Billerica Director of Public Works, Mr. Richard A. Bento, the Director of the Board of Health, John W. Morris, and all the members of the Board of Health. They have all provided us with their recommendations and data which assisted us in accomplishing our task in a timely manner. They are very knowledgeable and extremely professional in their duties.

During the street selection process, the Committee conducted several public hearings. We received from the hearings and other sources numerous requests, recommendations and input for the next lateral sewer lines to be constructed. At the Spring 1997 Town Meeting, the Committee was allocated an estimated $4.5 million for the next phase of the Town sewer program. In determining the number of possible next lateral sewer lines to be added, the Committee used as a cost guideline $100.00 per foot. This equates to the construction of approximately 8 to 9 miles of pipe.

The Committee used the following criteria in determining streets to be selected:

- How far from the street is the nearest lateral sewer?
- How many health problems on the street?
- How many houses are there on a street?
- How close are the homes located to rivers, lakes, and other water supplies?
- Does the area require a pumping station?

During the Committee's selection process, we were able to accomplish this without adding any new pumping stations to the Town sewer system. As a result, it was possible for the Committee to select additional homes for lateral sewers. In addition, the Committee was able to eliminate the 25 year old pumping station at Poe Road, which has been costly to the Town in the past. This would reduce maintenance costs for the Department of Public Works.

The Sewer Extension Committee has always been very conscious of our Town's environmental concerns and problems. This has been an important element of the section criteria. The Committee selected several streets along the Shawsheen River for lateral sewers in order to protect and improve the water quality of both our Town's and the Town of Burlington's water supply.

The Committee selected approximately 9.07 miles for lateral sewers. It is our contention that the actual number of miles selected could be reduced. The Committee overestimated the length of several streets due to the uncertain engineering design routes. These streets could be shortened

and still provide lateral sewers to all of the homes and streets originally selected. It is our opinion that the Town's Engineering Department, along with their consulting engineers, could perform this task. Therefore, we used a variance factor of 6% to reduce the lateral sewer mileage. This is our best estimate. We also recommend that a significant portion of the engineering design for these lateral sewers could be performed within the Town Engineering Department versus an outside engineering company. The cost savings from this task would help offset the overall cost of the lateral street sewers.

The Committee studied the areas that requested and needed lateral sewers. It was noted by the Department of Public Works that the River Pines and West Billerica sections would require a large force sewer main and several pumping stations. Through the efforts of Mr. Robert A. Mercier, Town Manager, and State Representative William Green, the Town is able to have these sections funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At present, River Pines and West Billerica will be receiving an estimated $4.8 million. The Commonwealth will be giving the Town of Billerica an estimated $3.8 million from the Massachusetts Division Capital Planning Office and $1 million will be coming from the Community Action Development Grant. These funds will be used for engineering, pumping stations, and the installation of a large force sewer main in River Pines. Upon completion of this project, the Town can start selecting streets in the River Pines and West Billerica area for lateral sewers.

The total funding for the Town Sewer Program over the next two years, estimated to be $9.3 million, breaks down as follows:

Center, East, North Billerica and Pinehurst	$4.5 million
River Pines and West Billerica	$4.8 million
Total	$9.3 million

The Sewer Extension Committee is expecting an additional $5 to $6 million in the future for lateral street sewers. To date, no timeframe has been established for this funding. However, the Committee is very fortunate to have both a pro-active administration and Board of Selectmen to keep the sewer program moving forward.

We would like to express our appreciation to our clerks, Susan Adam and Brenda Grant, and thank them for the high level of professionalism that they have demonstrated through the year.

The Sewer Extension Committee acknowledges and thanks Mr. Richard Bento, Department of Public Works Director, and John W. Morris, Board of Health Director, for their cooperation and dedication to our Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Gray, Jr.
Chairman

STREET ACCEPTANCE AND DISCONTINUANCE COMMITTEE

The Street Acceptance and Discontinuance Committee submits the following report for 1997.

The results of the Spring and Fall Town Meeting votes were as follows:

Spring Town Meeting

Article 18: Voted to accept Miller Farm Road.

Article 19: Discontinuance of Olive Road was dismissed.

Fall 1996 Town Meeting

Article 30: Voted to discontinue a portion of Hampstead Avenue.

Article 31: Voted to discontinue Hattie Lane.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur L. Doyle
Chairman

TREASURER/COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Reconciliation Of Treasurer's Cash
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1997

Treasurer's Cash Balance July 1, 1996	14,131,755.16
General Cash Receipts	85,290,115.27
Accounts Payable & Payroll	(83,752,668.32)
Treasurer's Cash Balance June 30, 1997	15,669,202.11

Location of Cash On Hand - June 30, 1997

Institution	
Bank Boston	269,437.95
Boston Safe	5,387,737.28
Fleet Bank	4,938,513.01
Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust	2,652,222.11
Assorted Bonds	5,000.00
Cash in Office	573.18
Trust Funds	2,415,718.58
Total	15,669,202.11

Trust Fund Balances as of June 30, 1997

Fund	Principal	Interest	Total
Cemetery Funds			
Colby P.C. #19	949.89	4.27	954.16
Fox Hill Thompson 1 #11	24,673.64	117.82	24,791.46
Fox Hill Thompson 1 #21	3,510.68	17.69	3,528.37
Fox Hill #1	589,196.00	1,377.71	590,573.71
Gray #12	6,789.49	36.68	6,826.17
Jobe Hill #08	375.00	1.89	376.89
North Cemetery Faulkner #20	13,026.92	65.69	13,092.61
North Cemetery #04	21,903.00	100.71	22,003.71
South Cemetery #07	1,095.00	5.52	1,100.52
Subtotal Cemetery Funds	661,519.62	1,727.98	663,247.60
Funds for the Poor			
Bowers #2	133,005.48	26,271.53	159,277.01
Elliot #14	10,281.69	4,223.11	14,504.80
Overseers of the Poor #35	16,020.10	3,882.43	19,902.53
Subtotal Funds for the Poor	159,307.27	34,377.07	193,684.34
Kholrausch Playground #03	10,000.00	12,779.65	22,779.65
Library Funds			
Faulkner #17	2,976.56	567.10	3,543.66
Library #06	115,649.53	14.42	115,663.95
Sheerin Memorial #23	4,064.39	1,671.98	5,736.37

Trust Fund Balances as of June 30, 1997

Fund	Principal	Interest	Total
Subtotal Library Funds	122,690.48	2,253.50	124,943.98
School Funds			
Kent #10	4,345.47	1,352.77	5,698.24
Beauty & Maintenance Funds			
Common Seat #18	42.71	17.56	60.27
Jenkins Fountain #15	54.50	22.39	76.89
Watering Trough #13	73.81	30.32	104.13
Subtotal Beauty & Maintenance Funds	171.02	70.27	241.29
Scholarship Funds - Endowed			
Mary Arekalian #50	10,750.00	519.55	11,269.55
Ann Costanza #51	3,000.00	154.43	3,154.43
Cerato #39	5,120.00	298.26	5,418.26
Chuck Lampson #52	32,169.41	399.92	32,569.33
Lisa Tammaro #32	11,600.00	1,780.72	13,380.72
Lutheran Church #27	15,000.00	3,752.88	18,752.88
Phil Hefferman #34	11,108.36	576.52	11,684.88
Robert Carroll #41	16,641.11	877.99	17,519.10
Shaunassy #42	10,000.00	255.91	10,255.91
Colon Memorial #53	420.45	11.76	432.21
Subtotal-Endowed Scholarship Funds	115,809.33	8,627.94	124,437.27
Scholarship Funds - General			
Arts and Crafts #31	2,105.00	244.45	2,349.45
Cabot Corp. #33	10,257.00	2,223.92	12,480.92
Class of 2003 #44	262.25	10.64	272.89
Class of 2004 #45	500.72	14.50	515.22
Class of 2005 #46	419.54	12.70	432.24
Class of 2006 #47	510.84	14.15	524.99
Class of 2007 #48	409.87	15.67	425.54
Class of 2008 #49	519.16	21.54	540.70
Class of 2009 #54	283.12	0.00	283.12
Krau Family #30	2,710.00	240.46	2,950.46
League of Women Voters #29	2,394.53	794.70	3,189.23
Locke Middle School #37	4,000.00	350.07	4,350.07
Scholarship Foundation #25	63,610.20	4,464.44	68,074.64
Subtotal - Scholarship - General	87,982.23	8,407.24	96,389.47
Other Funds			
Kholrausch School Scholarship #24	74,321.05	4,021.26	78,342.31
Abbot Singing #16	2,433.34	999.51	3,432.85
Museum #28	3,389.25	935.37	4,324.62
Drug Proceeds #43	24,254.32	1,510.63	25,764.95
Stabilization Fund #38	1,001,322.29	81,231.61	1,082,553.90
Subtotal Trust Funds	2,267,545.67	158,294.80	2,425,840.47
Less June Interest Not Posted		(10,121.89)	
Total Trust Funds	2,267,545.67	148,172.91	2,415,718.58

Schedule of Taxes Outstanding
Year Ended June 30, 1997

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Motor Vehicle
1982	70,153.73	19,716.27	0.00
1983	80,044.74	16,023.48	0.00
1984	122,697.17	12,317.90	0.00
1985	80,901.11	9,205.55	0.00
1986	49,721.02	8,935.55	65,537.48
1987	35,641.05	9,037.86	80,155.92
1988	52,760.54	29,103.48	95,132.44
1989	52,546.70	78,652.62	127,768.90
1990	80,308.12	46,916.00	80,813.62
1991	24,214.65	58,948.13	45,606.63
1992	3,249.06	44,849.41	31,336.97
1993	354.00	63,027.51	30,495.87
1994	(39,191.75)	89,481.20	40,384.84
1995	(15.64)	70,387.24	59,293.70
1996	874,536.67	37,916.40	91,140.64
1997	1,303,988.69	73,543.14	474,281.10
Total Outstanding	2,791,909.86	668,061.74	1,221,948.11

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Genereux
Treasurer/Collector

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

The Department of Veterans' Services has been very active in providing financial and/or medical assistance to those eligible Veterans/Widows and dependents of Veterans. We also have inquired about benefits from other agencies; i.e., Veterans Affairs, Department of Employment and Training, Department of Transitional Assistance, Bowers Fund, Good Neighbor Fund, Social Security, SSI, and the Society of St. Vincent DePaul. We have retained Power of Attorney on 25 cases with the Office of Veterans Affairs.

As a member of the Legislative Committee of the Massachusetts Veterans' Service Agents Association, along with the Unified Veterans Council, we have been very successful in seeking new legislation to increase State benefits. The following Bills have been enacted into Law. Effective immediately, an increase in the Annuities for Blind and paraplegics has been increased from $500.00 per year to $1,500.00 per year. For those who are eligible to receive an abatement on their real estate taxes, they will be happy to know that their abatement has been increased by $75.00. This has been the first time in 40 years that the abatement has been increased.

Effective July 1, 1998, all veterans deemed 100% disabled will now receive for the first time an annuity of $1,500.00 per year.

I believe the most important legislation that was successfully passed was to honor those parents who lost a son or daughter in the military. They now will receive an annuity of $1,500.00 per year. Our office has been actively assisting those who are applying for these annuities.

Our Adopt A Square program is ongoing. We have had many residents, businesses, clubs and various organizations

adopt a Memorial. This is a beautification program of our Memorials located throughout the Town. If anyone is interested in this program and would like further information, please call the Veterans office at 671-0968.

The Emergency Fuel Program began for new applicants on November 1st. In the month of October, applications were mailed to those who participated the previous year. As of this writing, we have processed 136 applications with a dollar value of $51,300.00. This program begins in November and ends March 31st but due to a mild winter, they have extended the program to April 30, 1998.

I would like to thank the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen, School Department, Shawsheen Tech and all other Town Departments for their help throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth L. Buffum
Director

TOWN MEETING WARRANT ACTION COMMITTEE

The Town Meeting Warrant Action Committee (TMWAC) presents the following report to the 1998 Spring Town Meeting. The Committee provides this report to allow Town Meeting Members to read and review this report prior to its presentation at the May 5th Town Meeting. Members are asked to peruse this information. Any questions will be answered when the report is presented to Town Meeting.

1997 Fall Town Meeting
October 7, 1997

Report of Town Meeting Actions on Fifty-two (fifty-two) articles:

Articles	29	Passed
	0	Lost
	14	Dismissed
Total	43	
General By-Laws	5	Passed
	0	Lost
	0	Dismissed
Total	5	
Zoning By-Laws	4	Passed (A.G. Approved)
	0	Lost
	0	Dismissed
Total	4	

Eight (8) articles remain open for this report:

#14 $175,000 Transfer to Sewer Plant Expansion: Bids for Trommel Screening Equipment opened in April, 1998. Award in May.

#16 $120,000 Baseball and Softball Fields: The fields will now be both installed at the Marshall Middle School. A Warrant Article has been submitted. Designs and layouts have started.

#17 $10,000 Building Demolition: Expended $6,500 on Old Police Station; received $455 from lien; balance at $4,855.

#18 Welch's Certified Project: Approved by the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council.

#19 Curriculum Associates Certified Project: Approved by the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council.

#29 $100,000 Ditson School Committee Funds: Provided to Ditson Building Account in Article #51 of 1997 Spring Town Meeting.

#34 Petition State Refund Little League: State Legislature proceeding.

#40 Sign By-Law Committee: Formed and meeting regularly. Preparing a report and warrant article for the 1998 Fall Town Meeting.

1997 Spring Town Meeting
May 6, 1997

Eleven (11) articles open:

#13 Civilian Dispatchers Exemption: Approved by legislature. Private firm conducted testing. Interviews completed. Hiring by the end of May.

#14 DPW Personnel Removal from Civil Service: Report due at 1998 Spring Town Meeting by Personnel Board. Labor contract discrepancy being reviewed. NO ACTIVITY. See May 12th Special Town Meeting Article.

#39 Transfer $310,000 from Stabilization Fund: Ten (10) Capital Outlay items. Equipment purchases completed.

#40 $450,000 Facility Upgrades: Roof of Howe Building ($50,000) being repaired; roofs for two (2) fire buildings ($50,000) completed; upgrade recreation fields ($120,000); and Town Hall upgrades ($160,000). $50,000 expended to date.

#41 $6,500,000 Sewer Expansion: No activity. See Article #15 of 1996 Fall Town Meeting.

#42 $200,000 Drainage Projects: Design and permitting by DPW engineering will start in the fall of 1999.

#43 $135,000 Concord Road Sewer Project: Design completed. Wetlands permit with Conservation Commission and sewer extension permits with State DEP. Work to be done in conjunction with state funded Center to Middlesex Turnpike project scheduled for 1999.

#45 $25,056 Part-Time Conservation Assistant: Position filled.

#50 $5,000 Updated Town Charter: Published and available.

#51 $150,000 Ditson Building Account: Original $50,000 provided with additional funding of $100,000 in Article #29 of 1997 Fall Town Meeting. Expended to date Personnel costs $426.50; Appraisals, advertisements and expenses $15,000; and Contract Services $70,586.18. Available funds $63,987.32. Cook Street site recommended. See 1998 Spring Town Meeting Article.

#54 $9,310 Legal Expenses Reimbursement: Board of Selectmen question disbursement. Legal questions unresolved. No payment made.

1996 Fall Town Meeting
October 1, 1996

Five (5) articles open:

#9 $215,615 Funding for Drainage Projects: All projects completed.

#13 Acquire Various Land Easements: Gray Street Area pending permits through DEP and Conservation Commission. No change.

#15 Sewer Bond Issue for $6,000,000: Bond for $3,000,000 for engineering and design work to be issued by May 15th. Balance for actual construction.

#29 Exempt Board of Health Deputy Director Position: Civil Service legislation approved.

#31 Town Beautification Committee Funding: Authorized $1,000. $572 expended on shrubs and plants. $175 on stationery and advertisements. Balance at $253.

1996 Spring Town Meeting
May 7, 1996

Two (2) articles open:

#35 New Public Library ($5,599,000): Application for approximately two million dollar grant included in House supplementary budget. Presently in Senate Ways and Means Committee. Anticipate funding in May or June. The Massachusetts Historic Commission provided a $100,000 matching grant for the replacing of the Cupola. Work scheduled in conjunction with library. Building Committee released bids. Subcontractors bids received. General Contractors bids due the first of May.

#36 Sewer Plant Expansion ($190,000): Construction of dechlorination and denitrification facilities 99% completed. Expected completion in June 1998.

1995 Fall Town Meeting
October 3, 1995

Two (2) articles open:

#13 Drainage and Road Reconstruction ($800,000): Remaining balance of $200,000 committed. All work to be completed in 1998.

#18 $4,000,000 Water Treatment Plant Improvements: Ozone installation completed. Hydrant replacement and loop tie proceeding. Balance is now $1,000,000.

1995 Spring Town Meeting
May 2, 1995

One (1) article open:

#37 Wild and Scenic River Congressional Petition: Action still not completed. Legislation continues through final committee hearings.

1994 Spring Town Meeting
May 3, 1994

One (1) article open:

#7 Sewer Engineering Plans: The following contract status is provided:

#28A	Ranlett Grove	Completed
#28B	Skyline Drive	Completed
#28	Townwide	Completed
#29A	Harjean/Whipple	Construction awarded and started. Scheduled to be completed in 1998
#29B	Eastbrook Farms	Completed
#29	Fardon/Pinehurst	Completed

1993 Spring Town Meeting
May 4, 1993

Two (2) articles open:

#26 $1,200,000 School Roofs Bond Issue: Continuation of bond approved in 1996 Fall Town Meeting. Expended $1,166,343 with a balance of $33,659 as of 4/10/98. To complete Fall of 1998.

#33 3 Year ADA Full Access Plan: This article was passed to comply with 1991 Title III of the American Disabilities Act. A plan and cost impact report still needs to be presented to Town Meeting. "TMWAC" will present an article in the 1998 Fall Town Meeting to provide funding to accomplish the intent of this article.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Hoar, Chairman
Nancy Smith, Vice Chairman
Susan Moreira, Secretary
Joseph LeBlanc, Finance Committee
Evelyn Haines, Acting Town Manager

SCHOOL REPORTS

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In 1997-1998 the schools maintained their strong educational presence in the community. The priority was clearly students, classrooms, and learning. Although some capital improvement and equipment needs were addressed, the resources were placed at the student level to give the Billerica student the opportunity to be as competitive as any student in Massachusetts. With this commitment, and the sharing of mutual responsibility among students, their families, the community and the school, the future is secure for our Billerica students.

1997-1998 Highlights

- Technology in Education Plan to provide teachers with training to integrate the new technologies into the daily curriculum.
- Establish Internet Network for all schools.
- Results of the third grade statewide reading test showed Billerica students above both state and national averages.
- Over 80% of the Billerica Memorial Class of 1998 will continue their education after high school.
- S.A.T. scores are above state and national norms in Verbal and Math with over 83% of the seniors taking exam compared to the state average of 66%.
- The overall dropout rate is 1.3% compared to state average of 3.4%, and the attendance rate is 94.5% in daily attendance.
- After School Academic, Computer, and Art Enrichment Programs for over 350 students in Grade 4 to Grade 8.
- Assessment of students including standardized testing, Massachusetts Department of Education testing, portfolio assessment, progress reports and report cards.
- Each elementary classroom will engage in two hands-on-science units ranging from Weather in Grade 1 to Plant Growth in Grade 3 to Food Chemistry in Grade 5.
- Support Literary Magazine for student writing at the High School and both Middle Schools.
- Each middle school student will receive formal computer literacy instruction.
- Staff training programs in Phonics, Media Literacy, Introduction to the Internet, Writing and Technology will be provided.

- Billerica Memorial High School will offer twenty-four varsity, junior varsity and freshman athletic teams with over 850 participants.
- The Music Department will support eighteen instrumental choral and dramatic performance groups serving over 800 participants.
- A local area network among all schools will provide Internet access for nine schools with over three hundred student stations available.
- Funding for technology will be realized through the State Technology Grant awarded to Billerica.
- Continue Driver Education on a self-supporting basis.
- Support for Learning Center at Billerica Memorial High School including student use after school hours.
- Support Middle School Science Addiction Curriculum developed in conjunction with Harvard Medical School.
- Continued support for student activities such as Mock Trial Team, Science League, Computer Club, D.E.C.A. and Community Service.

In addition, the Billerica Schools will offer the following without any budget resources:

- BEAM will remain self-supporting as an early intervention program with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.
- The operation of the Food Services and the Ice Rink will remain self-supporting.
- Summer Enrichment School for preschool and elementary children served over 300 students and will remain self-supporting.
- Middle School After School Activity Program served over four hundred students and will remain self-supporting.
- After school child care services at each elementary school operated by Boys and Girls Club.
- Expanded School-to-Work programs for Billerica Memorial High School students.
- Adult Education will offer forty evening courses and will remain self-supporting.
- Implement Elementary Language Arts Writing Program in all the elementary schools.
- Middle School After School Activity Program served over four hundred students and will remain self-supporting.

Student Enrollment

Year	Total
1992-1993	6,086
1993-1994	6,139
1994-1995	6,128
1995-1996	6,270
1996-1997	6,308
1997-1998	6,522
1998-1999	6,638
1999-2000	6,735
2000-2001	6,810
2001-2002	6,876
2002-2003	6,959

For the ten-year period 1992-1993 to 2002-2003, the increased enrollment is projected 14%. This increased enrollment means insufficient space for students in the elementary schools. In May 1998, the Town Meeting authorized the construction of a new, larger Ditson Elementary School to replace the existing school.

The pre-school programs are housed at Billerica Memorial High School because there is insufficient classroom space in the elementary schools. The desire to keep good class sizes and the demands for space for new technology equipment also contributes to space shortages. The existing space shortage for art rooms, music rooms, special education rooms, and computer labs remains in all elementary schools.

For September 1998, there were not enough actual classrooms in the elementary schools for the number of projected classrooms needed. Town Meeting authorized four modular classrooms for the elementary schools for September 1998.

The increased enrollment at the middle schools in the next five years will also cause classroom space shortages. The specialized educational program at the middle schools requires computer laboratories, industrial arts shops, home economics labs, art rooms, music rooms, and classrooms for special education programs.

General Announcements and No Schools Announcements

When it becomes necessary to close schools, or delay opening of schools because of inclement weather, the announcements will be carried on WBZ-1030; WEEI-590, WMEX-1150, WRKO-680; WHDH-850 radio in Boston; WLLH-1400 AM; WCAP-980 radio locally; B.A.T.V. Cable, Channel 10; TV Channels 4, 5, 7.

These announcements will be made as soon as possible, but normally between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Under no conditions should parents call the Fire or Police Stations. This ties up the lines and could cause a serious problem in case of an emergency.

Pupils are sometimes sent home early from school because of an emergency. Parents should make arrangements with friends or neighbors and give instructions to their children.

Entrance Age

For admission to the Kindergarten, a child must be five (5) years old on or before September 1 of that year. A birth certificate is required of all pupils unless their parents were residents of Billerica at the time of the child's birth.

Employment Certificates

Employment certificates (working cards) are issued at Billerica Memorial High School, New Addition, Principal's Office. Applications must be made in person and a birth or baptismal certificate must be presented.

Retirements

Administrators

Stanley Jekanoski	36 Years
Richard Cogan	17 Years
Albert Pike	29 Years

Teachers

Denise Fitzpatrick	30 Years
Lorraine Hamilton	22 Years
Norma Crowley	27 Years
Robert Loranger	26 Years
Marjorie Luciano	21 Years
Gennaro Pasquale	30 Years
Marie Bartorelli	25 Years

Custodian

Marguerite Cataldo	14 Years
Robert Davidson	28 Years

School Committee

Mr.Thomas Galligani, Chairman
Term Expires 1999

Mrs. Maureen Collins-Rea, Vice Chairman
Term Expires 2001

Mr. Robert Keough, Secretary
Term Expires 2000

Mr. Cosmo Cavicchio, Member
Term Expires 1999

Mr. David Hudson, Member
Term Expires 2001

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Robert J. Calabrese

Assistent Superintendent Business Affairs

Mr. Jerry A. Houghton

Assistant Superintendent Instruction

Dr. John S. Katsoulis

Transportation Supervisor

Mr. John D. McKenna

SHAWSHEEN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Representatives

Elected representatives of the Regional School Committee are: Mark Trifiro and Peter Russo from Bedford; Kenneth L. Buffum, Vice Chairman; and Bernard F. Hoar, Treasurer, from Billerica; John P. Miller, Chairman; and Alfred Verrier from Burlington; J. Peter Downing and Patricia W. Meuse from Tewksbury; and James M. Gillis, Secretary; and Robert G. Peterson from Wilmington.

Shawsheen Valley Technical High School is one of twenty-five regional vocational school districts located in Massachusetts. Eleven hundred and fifty high school students were enrolled in comprehensive vocational/technical programs in October 1997. The school has experienced major increase in high school enrollment since October 1992. Over eight hundred adults also participated in adult education courses, of which three adults were enrolled in certificate programs. Shawsheen's comprehensive adult education program is the fifth largest in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In addition, two hundred junior high school students participated in the after school Career Exploration Program funded by a grant from the federal government.

Two hundred forty-seven seniors graduated in 1997. Sixty-three percent of the graduating class acquired jobs in their chosen profession, and thirty percent pursued higher education. Three percent of the seniors joined the armed services. Shawsheen's excellent graduation placement statistics continued to be amongst the very best in Massachusetts.

Fifteen area colleges have developed articulation agreements with Shawsheen Valley Technical granting students college credit for the work completed during high school. Known as the "Tech Prep" program, this unique approach in developing career paths for students while in high school maximizes student interest to obtain advanced degrees in emerging technical areas and assures students a career educational path that is both relevant and rewarding. Industry leaders and educational professionals from throughout the United States have applauded Shawsheen Valley Technical's Tech Prep program and have emulated it throughout the nation.

Committed to Student Interest

Ninth graders begin their high school years as inquisitive children and leave our institution as aspiring adults. We are committed to provide a nurturing and challenging high school experience second to none. Upon entering, students spend every other week experiencing and exploring fourteen different vocational/technical professions. With nineteen different programs to select, parents and students select eight of the fourteen areas they are scheduled to explore. Students spend alternate weeks in academic classes. By eliminating study halls and providing a challenging eight period school day, students can acquire all Carnegie Unit requirements for entrance into any college of their choice. Unfortunately, interest in attending Shawsheen Technical has grown beyond availability requiring waiting list of students for the first time in a decade.

By April of their freshmen year, students select a vocational/technical profession they will major in for the next three and a quarter years. If they select plumbing or electrical, they will earn their fifteen hundred-hour requirement for a journeyman's license prior to graduating from high school. If they select Cosmetology, they will acquire the thousand hours during high school needed to take the state examination. Program offering range from Health Careers to Electronics to Telecommunications to Culinary Arts to Graphic Arts to Welding, and the public is invited to contact our Guidance Department at 978-667-2111 for a catalog of our diverse program offerings.

In the fall of their senior year, many students begin employment with local

companies during their shop week as apprentices or co-op placements. Over two hundred and fifty area company businesspersons serve on Shawsheen's Craft Advisory Committees ensuring our curriculum, content, and technology is up to date. Meeting twice each year with Shawsheen administrators, these local businesspersons are amongst the first that hire graduates from programs they had a part in developing.

Shawsheen students participate in a wide variety of extracurricular activities. From the Honor Society to the School Play to Vocational Clubs of America Competitions against other vocational/technical schools in district, state and national competitions, Shawsheen's commitment to providing a wide range of activities for student development extends well beyond the classroom or athletic field. During the past school year, over three hundred and fifty-two Shawsheen students participated in interscholastic athletics and captured Commonwealth Athletic Conference championships in Cross Country, Girls Volleyball, Wrestling, Girls Basketball, and Baseball. The Girls Basketball team captured the Division IV North Sectional State Championship. The Volleyball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Ice Hockey, Softball, and Baseball Teams all qualified for state tournament play.

Shawsheen Valley Technical was awarded the inaugural "Walter Markham Memorial Award" from the Boston Globe in 1997 signifying the finest commitment to athletic excellence and sportsmanship. Varsity teams at Shawsheen Valley Technical won over seventy-six percent of contests ranking first in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts compared to similar districts.

Special Activities in 1997

Many activities took place during 1997 that deserve special recognition.

- Shawsheen English teachers created a Language Arts and Literature Magazine on the Internet. The "Ramblings Electronic School Literary Magazine" using front-page software is available for public view on the school's web site at www.shawsheen.tec.ma.us. Students publish research papers, essays, and poems on the Rambling magazine. In addition, courses are outlined on the web site along with student's homework assignments and descriptions of activities taking place in various classrooms.
- A direct T1 line and Pentium server is installed for direct access to the Internet. All teachers are trained on use of the Internet and all administrative and guidance offices were hooked up to the Internet. New computer labs with direct access to the Internet were installed in the Telecommunications/Computer Science Shop and the Automative Shop.
- Renovations were made to the staff dining room area and the auto body department. A new switchboard/ reception area was created at the entrance to the school, and a modern computer-aided Career Center was constructed in the Guidance suite. A new internal communication system was installed in all classrooms, and an external voice mail system was purchased to improve communications between home and school.
- Bell Atlantic awarded the school a twenty-eight thousand dollar grant to assist teachers to develop new curriculum using Web page design on the Internet. Cross curriculum learning modules are being developed by a core group of academic teachers in mathematics, English, social studies, library science, and special education. Using Front Page software, Shawsheen staff and students were selected as a model to assist other districts in integrating new technologies into school curriculum.
- Microsoft invited Shawsheen administrators to Seattle, Washington, to partner in the development of

new education products. Mr. James Smyth, Director of Computer Technology, was invited to join Microsoft's national advisory committee on computer technology.

- Since 1996, over three hundred employees of the local towns have been trained at Shawsheen in Windows95, Word, Excel, and Access. The school remains committed to providing Professional Development training for town and school employees.
- Shawsheen was selected by the Massachusetts Department of Education as one of eleven schools to assist in the design and development of electronically reporting annual student reports.
- The Shawsheen Adult Technical Institute graduated another License Practical Nursing Class. Thirty-seven graduates successfully passed the state exam and all graduates secured jobs in the health industry at an average starting salary of $17.00 per hour. This tuition program, at no cost to member towns, is a prime example of a school to work program benefiting both the needs of our citizens and the business community.
- John Judge, Director of Academics at Shawsheen since 1973, retired and received the annual "Kenneth L. Buffum Award." Mr. Judge was an exemplary educator totally dedicated to serving the needs of Shawsheen's student population.

Community Projects

Examples of the numerous community projects completed by Shawsheen students are as follows:

- The Carpentry Department is building a trophy case for Burlington High School as well as doing some remodeling work at Burlington High School Library and helping to revamp the orchestra pit at the High School.
- Our Plumbing Department was able to assist the Town of Tewksbury with the layout and installation of the preliminary plumbing work for the Tewksbury Community Pantry.
- Shawsheen students and teachers from several departments, carpentry, electrical, masonry, and plumbing, built a two-story straight front colonial home with a farmer's porch, attic, three baths, and five-zone water heat for Tim and Mary Roy of Billerica. Students are currently engaged in building a concession stand at the Marshall Middle School to be used for sporting events. This building will be complete with restrooms, storage areas, and kitchen facilities.
- We were pleased to participate in the Wilmington Expo sponsored by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. Our Culinary Arts teachers and students put on cooking, baking, and cake decorating demonstrations and served samples of hot foods and freshly baked items. The Cosmetology Department put on demonstrations of the latest fashion, makeup, and facial techniques as well as offering manicures to the public.

Each project request is evaluated individually and its acceptance as a school project is based on whether it will meet our educational objectives. All expenses for projects, such as supplies and materials, are borne by those requesting the project. Groups or citizens interested in eligibility requirements should contact Mr. Anthony Bazzinotti, Director of Vocational/Technical Programs, at 978-667-2111 x143.

Conclusion

Shawsheen Tech's continued success is a direct result of the support received from District Town Administrators, Board of Selectmen, Finance Committees, Town Meetings, and citizens. We very much appreciate their cooperation and support.

MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY **9-1-1**
POLICE **667-1212**
All other purposes **671-0900**
AMBULANCE **667-1212**
FIRE **663-3433**
All other purposes **671-0941**
POISON CONTROL **1-800-682-9211**

TOWN OFFICES

Appeals Board 671-0964
Assessors Office 671-0971
Billerica Housing Authority 667-2175
Billerica Municipal Employee
Credit Union 667-2434
Building Department
Building Commissioner 671-0959
Plumbing Inspector 671-0960
Wiring Inspector 671-0961
Zoning Officer 671-0959
Cemetery Department Andover Road
Superintendent 671-0946
Secretary's Office 671-0946
Civil Defense 671-0917
Conservation Commission 671-0966
Council on Aging 671-0916
Dog Pound (between 3-4 p.m.) 671-0909
Election and Voter Registration:
Board of Registrars 671-0926
Health Department:
Board of Health 671-0931
Public Health Nurses 671-0932
Milk Inspector 671-0931
Library 671-0948
Personnel Board 671-0942
Planning Board 671-0962
Public Works Department:
Superintendent 671-6313
Chemist 671-0957
Engineer 671-1300
Highway 671-0951
Sewers 671-0956
Water Treatment 671-0957
Water Billing 671-0954
Tree and Moth 671-0950
Recreation 671-0921
Recreation Fax 671-0927
School Department:
Administration Building 436-9500
Superintendent 436-9500
Connecting all schools 436-9300
Ditson School
Dutile School
Hajjar School
Kennedy School
Locke Middle School
Marshall Middle School
Memorial High School
New Addition
Ice Pavilion
Parker School
Vining School
Shawsheen Valley Tech 667-2111
Sealer of Weights and Measures 272-0721
Selectmen 671-0939
Sewer Commission 671-0957
State Welfare Office 454-8061
Middle Street, Lowell
Assistant Tax Collector 671-0920
Tobacco Control 671-1335
Town Accountant 671-0922
Town Administrator 671-0942
Town Clerk
Certificates: Births, Deaths,
Marriage, Uniform Comm. Code 671-0924
Licenses: Dog, Marriages,
Hunting, Fishing, etc. 671-0924
Town Hall Custodian 671-0942
Town Treasurer/Collector 671-0928
Parking Clerk 671-0928
Tax Title 671-0928
Veteran's Service 671-0968